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CASUALTIES IN NIGHT RAIDS

ALMSHOUSES BOMBED

Aged Woman Dies From Shock

SIX FIRES SOON SMOTHERED

Although seven houses were demolished, twenty seriously damaged and many more slightly damaged, there was only one fatal casualty during a raid on a south-east coast town on Sunday night.

Both high explosive and incendiary bombs were released by the raider as it tried to escape from one of our night fighters.

Although six fires were started, all were quickly brought under control.

The high explosive bombs fell in a residential part of the town and considerable damage was caused to a group of offices which were damaged in a raid almost exactly a year previously.

The raider's only victim was Mrs. White, who, together with her daughter, Mrs. Acott, was living in some almshouses close to which high explosive bombs fell. Mrs. White, who was 86 years of age, was covered in plaster from the ceiling as she lay in bed and although not seriously hurt, died from shock a few minutes later.

Having been evacuated, Mrs. White had returned to the town only three weeks previously.

Mother and Child Escape.

The most amazing escape when a bomb struck a row of small villas was that of Mrs. R. E. Lucas and her baby son Brian, aged 18 months, who were rescued unhurt from the wreckage of their home.

As her husband was on fire-watch, Mrs. Lucas, who was sleeping in the basement shelter, placed the baby in her husband's bed, instead of in its cot. When the house collapsed the cot was wrecked.

"If my husband had not been fire-watching my baby would have been killed," Mrs. Lucas told a reporter. "Brian usually sleeps in his cot but as my husband was out I put him in his bed so that he should be close to me. The cot was buried under a pile of bricks. Our own house was wrecked but on top of that the house next door fell in on top of us as well. I cried out for help and soon afterwards I heard the rescue workers above.

"This is the second time I have been bombed out," added Mrs. Lucas. "The last time I received a black eye."

The ceilings of the house had not been restored from the previous raid.

Soon after the bomb had fallen a warden was quickly on the scene and was able to direct the rescue workers.

"I knew that Mr. and Mrs. Lucas and the baby were living in the house," he said. "I knew whereabouts they were likely to be and within a few minutes we saw a light penetrating from the basement. We shouted out and our cries were answered. It is a marvel that neither the mother nor the baby was hurt.

Octogenarian Saved.

In an adjoining house Mrs. Attwood, an old lady of over 80, received a cut on the head and was helped out of the wrecked house by her son, Mr. Cyril Attwood.

In the next house Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Parker owed their escape to the fact that they were sleeping in a reinforced cellar. Although smothered in dust from the wreckage of their home, they were able to clamber out unharmed and Mr. Parker, who was severely wounded while on active service in the last war, is now filling in his sixth war damage claim.

Three people who were slightly injured were taken to hospital for treatment and three others were treated in a building close to the scene of the wreckage by the Medical Officer of Health.

Running from one of the damaged houses, Mr. Mantle tripped and cut his head on some broken glass.

Fire at Church.

Incendiary bombs which fell in the streets were quickly dealt with by wardens and street fire parties. Mr. S. G. Blackburn was among the householders who had the satisfaction of putting out a couple of incendiaries which fell at the rear of his home.

The sandbags proved their efficacy. "The people responded marvellously," said a senior warden. "As soon as the bombs had fallen they seemed to appear from all directions. They had the bombs under control in record time."

The six fires were of a minor nature and were dealt with by members of the National Fire Service with the aid of stirrup pumps. In a few cases slight damage was done to bedrooms and a fire in the roof of a church was quickly dealt with.

Another church also sustained damage to the roof and windows and a library was damaged for the third time. Other buildings which suffered from the effects of the blast included a club and a brewery.

The windows of private houses over a wide area were blown out and many people awoke to find their beds covered with plaster from ceilings.

Among the early visitors to the Rest Centre the following morning were the Mayor, who had a cheery word for the old ladies from the almshouses who were sitting comfortably round a blazing fire wrapped in shawls.

Little Brian Lucas was running happily round the room.

wife were at tea with their son and two soldier friends. All the doors and windows were blown out and the ceiling of the dining-room collapsed on to the tea-table. Mrs. Hampton was injured by the falling plaster and taken to hospital with cuts on the head.

Mrs. Alice Lawrence, aged 71, and Mrs. Frances Jane Oliver, aged 84, both living in the neighbourhood, were also injured and taken to hospital.

Another high explosive bomb fell in gardens and in the streets. One which exploded on the foreshore broke many windows in hotels on the seafront.

Incendiary bombs were dropped in several parts of the town, and a few small fires were started in roofs but were extinguished before much damage could be caused.

About 20 fell in a public park and others in adjacent gardens. Policemen, wardens and householders did good work in smothering them with sand. What was a veritable firework display was put out in a few minutes.

Raiders Return.

When the dive-bombers returned about midnight they scattered incendiaries in all directions but the majority fell in open ground and on the seafront. Several of the high explosives caused damage in poorer districts of the town, where the most serious casualties occurred.

An elderly couple, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Trantham, who had decided to sleep in their basement, were trapped when the house was demolished. Mr. Trantham was alive when rescued and taken to hospital, but his wife was dead.

Two sisters perished in an almshouse a few yards away. Miss Richens, an aged resident of the homes for some years, usually lived there alone but that night her sister went to stay with her. Both were buried in the debris.

Three bombs fell in another area of working-class property, demolishing several houses, but no serious casualties were reported. Other bombs fell in a farm field, roadways and in the sea. Although only about 12 houses were demolished or wrecked in the two raids, large number sustained damage of varying degrees.

BOMBS ON FARM

Picked out by searchlights, a lone enemy raider dropped two bombs in a field near a farm at a south-east coast town on Friday evening.

Greenhouses, a cowshed and other farm buildings were damaged by blast.

NEW ALDERMAN

ELECTED AT RAMSGATE

Councillor W. Hawkins has been elected an alderman at Ramsgate in succession to Mr. L. F. Davey and has been appointed returning officer for the West Cliff ward.

The new alderman was appointed at the annual meeting of the Council on Monday when the eight members voting in his favour were Councillors Austin, Mrs. Dunn, Costen, Hughes, Mrs. Nicholson, Farnsworth, Young, and Harcourt Smith.

Councillor F. C. Miller received five votes, those of Councillors Smith, Dr. Duffy, Knibbs, Dr. Crawford, and Sanders.

Councillor W. G. Love also received five votes, those of Councillors Love, Butler, Turner, Martin, and Twigger.

Councillor Farmer voted for Councillor Twigger Councillor Cafeel for Councillor Austin, and Councillor Miller for Councillor Knibbs. One paper was spoilt.

Returning thanks, Alderman Hawkins said "I will do my best in the upper chamber as I have done in the lower."

SISTERS KILLED

TOWN TWICE RAIDED

FIRE AND HIGH EXPLOSIVES

About 20 high explosive bombs and many incendiaries were dropped in two raids by Stuka aircraft on a south-east coast town on Sunday night.

Casualties, however, were not heavy.

Several people were injured, four requiring detention in hospital, and three women lost their lives.

The first raid was at dusk when most people were just finishing tea.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner and their daughter had a remarkable escape. A fairly heavy bomb, which fell in the front garden of their home, caused most of the house to collapse but they scrambled out with nothing worse than scratches and bruises.

Another bomb fell in a furniture remover's repository and coal merchant's yard, causing a fire among sheds and motor vehicles.

In an adjoining public-house the manager, Mr. "Happy" Hampton, well-known as an entertainer, and his

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR POPPY ?

UNRELIABLE CARS

OFFICIALS REPORT ON CIVIL DEFENCE ALLEGATIONS

Allegations that a number of the vehicles used by Ramsgate casualty services and rescue and demolition parties are, for one reason or another, unserviceable for lack of repair were the subject of a report presented to the Civil Defence Committee to Ramsgate Town Council on Monday.

The report revealed that alternative vehicles had been used to deal with damage caused by a raid in September.

The matter was brought forward by the Civil Defence chairman, Councillor A. R. Young, who reported receipt of a communication containing the allegations from the hon. secretary of the local branch of the National Association of Civil Defence Workers.

Epitomising reports made on the matter by the Borough Engineer, Mr. R. D. Brimmell, and the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. J. V. Walker, the committee stated:

"The Borough Engineer reported that in the normal course of administration in his department the condition of the vehicles for which he is responsible had from time to time been the subject of reports by the mechanic and that immediate steps had been taken as necessity arose to put any necessary repairs or replacements in hand as quickly as possible. The Borough Engineer submitted a detailed report on the condition of such vehicles together with the reasons in a few cases for the necessity of effecting repairs.

"The Medical Officer of Health similarly reported with regard to the vehicles for which he is responsible.

"The vehicles in question were at the time of their purchase by the Council acquired as secondhand vehicles under the limit of the authorisation then in force and the committee recognise the difficulty of maintaining efficiently this type of vehicle.

"The Borough Engineer further reported that the fact that vehicles have been out of commission owing to the need of repair has been reported to the Regional Authorities, who have been informed as to the alternative vehicles which would be used in the event of an emergency, and that such alternative vehicles were in fact used on the occasion of air raid damage in September.

"The Borough Engineer reminded the committee that under the authority given by the committee on the 30th October he had ordered a two-ton Bedford lorry from the Ministry of Transport Vehicle Pool."

The Medical Officer having reported that it was necessary to purchase ten tyres and ten tubes to replace worn-out sets on the casualty services cars, he was given authority by the committee to purchase them on the best possible terms through the Contracts Committee. On his recommendation the Borough Engineer was also authorised to make and fit rear doors to Mobile Unit No. 1 in order to give adequate weather protection and properly secure the vehicle when parked.

Dr. Walker explained to the committee the circumstances in which one of the casualty services cars had from time to time been used to transport a part-time voluntary worker to enable her to undertake work with the W.V.S. and reported that since the demands made on the car for this purpose had now considerably exceeded the extent originally anticipated he had given instructions that the practice should cease.

On Monday the Council adjourned consideration of the entire report until the next meeting.

KINGSGATE AIRMAN

DECORATED AT PALACE

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tanton, of Castlecombe, George Hill-road, Kingsgate, and their youngest daughter, Miss Sheila Tanton, attended a recent investiture at Buckingham Palace when the King decorated their son, Pilot-Officer Peter Alec Tanton, No. 15 Squadron, R.A.F.

P/O Tanton was also accompanied on his visit to the Palace by his wife, who is on service in the W.A.A.F.

As previously reported in the ADVERTISER & ECHO, the young airman was awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal while serving as a sergeant-pilot for his splendid skill and coolness as captain of a four-engined bomber which he landed safely after a daylight raid on a factory at Lille although two engines had been put out of action.

NIGHTDRESS TRAGEDY

WOMAN'S FATAL BURNS

The tragic story of a woman who crawled into a bath when her nightdress caught fire was told at an inquest held at Margate on Saturday concerning the death of Mrs. Esther Ellen Bennett, aged 70 years, a widow living with her married son at 1 Ellington-avenue, Garlinge.

Mrs. Bennett, who was about to dress in front of the fire when her nightdress caught alight, died ten hours after being admitted to hospital.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned by the Deputy Coroner, Mr. J. H. Robinson.

Dr. E. J. Bradley, who saw Mrs. Bennett when she was admitted to hospital at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, said she was suffering from extensive burns, which involved over half her body surface. Measures were first taken to combat the severe shock from which she was suffering. Later she was given an anæsthetic in order that the burns could be treated and a special form of blood transfusion to counteract the loss of fluid which would result when the burns started to blister. She rallied for a time but collapsed and died about 8.30 p.m. from shock due to extensive burns.

Witness added that Mrs. Bennett told one of the nurses that she was standing in front of the fire when her nightdress caught alight.

Bed-Jacket Ablaze.

Mrs. Edith Emma Bennett, 1 Ellington-avenue, Garlinge, daughter-in-law, said about 10 a.m. on Wednesday she was downstairs when she heard deceased scream out "Edie." She rushed upstairs and saw her mother-in-law on her hands and knees on the small landing, crawling from her bedroom to the bathroom. Her woollen bed-jacket was in flames. Deceased was a big woman and as witness could not get past her on the small landing to reach the bedroom for a blanket or rug with which to put out the flames, she threw some water over the jacket, although she knew it was not the right thing to do. Deceased gradually reached the bathroom and when the flames were out witness ran for help. She found a neighbour just outside the house and when they returned upstairs her mother-in-law had clambered into the bath. The neighbour remained there while witness ran to telephone for a doctor and ambulance.

Mrs. Bennett added that there was a gas stove in deceased's bedroom which she usually lit when she got out of bed to dress. Her clothes were lying on the fender in front of the fire and deceased must have stood in front of the fire to keep warm. She thought the flames from the fire caught alight. Her nightdress was standing there.

Nightdress Burnt to Ashes.

Mrs. Mildred Fricker, 2 Ellington-avenue, Garlinge, who was called to the house by the previous witness, said she found Mrs. Bennett kneeling in the bath, pouring cold water over her shoulders. Some of her clothing was still smouldering. Witness took off her clothes and helped her from the bath. She seemed quite calm and told witness where she would find another nightdress for her to wear. She also asked if her hair was burnt, but did not say how her clothes caught alight. Her nightdress was almost burnt to ashes.

After putting on another nightdress Mrs. Bennett said she would go back to bed and witness was helping her across the landing when she collapsed at the bedroom door. Witness called Miss Caudrell, another neighbour, and they tried to lift Mrs. Bennett, but she was too heavy. They therefore left her on the floor with a pillow under her head and a blanket over her. The ambulance arrived the next minute.

The Coroner said it would appear that deceased lit the fire as was her custom and that in an unguarded movement her nightdress, made of a stockingette material, and probably rather inflammable, came in contact with the fire. It was very tragic the way for an old lady to meet her end, and he expressed sympathy with her relatives.

Recording his verdict, the Coroner added that Mrs. Fricker was very prompt and sensible in the help she gave when called.

Inspr. Croucher expressed sympathy with the relatives on behalf of the police.

MAYOR'S ROYAL SALUTE

When the Mayor of a south-east coast town rose to return thanks for his re-election on Monday the wail of the air raid siren was heard.

"Well," said the Mayor, "it is nice to go in with the royal salute anyway."

By a coincidence the raiders passed signal sounded as the Mayor sat down after concluding his speech. How appropriate," he observed cheerfully.

The acting Town Sergeant, who stood behind the Mayor during the proceedings, was wearing a bandage over his forehead. He had been injured during an air raid the previous night.

AN UNKNOWN SEAMAN

The body of a man believed to be a seaman was washed ashore at Birchington last week but owing to the advanced state of decomposition identification was not possible.

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FLAG DAY LOSS

FUNERAL OF MISS EVELING

"The collection was organised by the Misses Eveling and Daniels."

Hundreds of reports of Broadstairs flag day collections have ended with these words. The two companions have now been separated, for Miss Clara Eveling was laid to rest at St. Peter's on Monday.

Miss Eveling, who passed away at Chemonix, Queen's-road, aged 77 years, was the daughter of the late Mr. Matthew Eveling, who for many years carried on business as a draper in High-street, St. Peter's.

During the last war Miss Eveling devoted most of her time to the welfare of the wounded. She was a member of the Broadstairs detachment of the British Red Cross Society and served at the military hospital for the wounded established at the Yarrow Home.

Miss Eveling was closely associated with the Vale Congregational Church and the Queen's-road Baptist Church, and took a particular interest in the young people. She was one of the founders of Broadstairs Chess Club and served on the committee for a considerable time.

Both Ramsgate and Margate Hospitals had also benefited from Miss Eveling's efforts not only as a flag day organiser, but in collecting huge quantities of tin foil and as the result of her interest in its welfare Miss Eveling had been appointed a life governor of Ramsgate Hospital.

Her Favourite Hymn.

The funeral at St. Peter's churchyard was preceded by a service conducted at the Queen's-road Baptist Church by the Rev. W. Lomax Mackenzie.

The mourners included Miss L. Eveling (sister), Mr. E. Rapson (nephew) Mrs. E. Eveling (sister-in-law) and the Misses Daniels.

Miss Eveling's favourite hymn, "Dear Lord and Father of mankind," was sung and the organist played "O rest in the Lord" and "My Redeemer liveth."

Mr. Mackenzie, speaking of the wonderful Christian life Miss Eveling had led, said "her end was one of great quietness and peace. She had the advantage of means and was known for her acts of love and charity, even though many people in the district did not know how much she entered into the general life of the town. She had been passing through many months of great depression so God in His mercy took her."

SOLDIER CHARGED WITH LOOTING

"I want to get out of the Army. I did one job on you at Broadstairs."

This statement was alleged to have been made to a police officer by Pte. William Frost, who was charged at the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday with stealing a tin of baked beans from a house in Rosemary-gardens, Broadstairs, situated in an area subject to enemy attack.

Defendant was remanded for a fortnight.

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ST. PETER'S VETERAN

DEATH OF MR. JABEZ HOPE

The funeral will take place at St. Peter's to-morrow of Mr. Jabez Hope, a resident of St. Peter's for over 60 years, who passed away at 31 Northdown-road last week aged 84 years.

Coming to St. Peter's from Tenterden, Mr. Hope was employed for 16 years by the Isle of Thanet Electric Supply Co. During the war he served in France with the Royal Army Service Corps, and after the war took up farm work at St. Peter's and became a member of the Oddfellows.

His first wife died 53 years ago and four years later he married again. He had been in failing health since he underwent a serious operation 14 years ago.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

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NON-COMBATANT IN COURT

Donald George McLaughlin, whose address was given as Holbrook-drive, Ramsgate, was summoned at Canterbury police court last week to show cause why he had failed to present himself for medical examination under the Armed Forces Act.

McLaughlin said that even though he was only registered for non-combatant duties he still objected as it was "all to do with the military."

Defendant was given a fortnight to think things over and was warned by the magistrates that if he failed to attend before the Medical Board he would probably go to prison for six months.

BROADSTAIRS FILMS

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SHOWS

Broadstairs has been without cinema entertainment for some time past but there is now hope, thanks largely to the initiative of the Urban District Council, that the Picture House will be re-opening at an early date.

Broadstairs will then have a pull over Ramsgate for the Council have given permission for the cinema to be opened at 2.15 p.m. on Sundays.

In Ramsgate Sunday film entertainment is restricted to one performance in the evening.

A statement issued by Broadstairs Council on Wednesday said that they had been in contact with Mr. F. B. Salt, Managing Director of the Picture House, with a view to securing its re-opening. With this end in view the Council had rendered such practicable assistance as they had been able and quite recently, following an approach by Mr. Salt, they decided that if the Picture House were re-opened they would support the assessment for rating purposes being fixed at £60 gross value and £45 rateable value as a war-time measure. This represents a very considerable reduction on the peace-time assessment.

The Council have now been informed that Mr. Salt is endeavouring to open the Picture House at the earliest possible moment. At their meeting last week the Council renewed the cinematograph license and the license under the Sunday Entertainment Act, 1932, in respect of the premises and they agreed also to the cinema being opened from 2.15 p.m. on Sundays.

OVER THE HALF-MILLION

RAMSGATE'S WAR SAVINGS

Ramsgate national savings since the outbreak of the war amount to over half a million pounds.

The actual figure up to the end of October is £524,345.

Savings last week amounted to £3,059, composed of £864 in Savings Certificates, £1,000 in Defence Bonds, and £1,195 increase in deposits at the Post Office Savings Bank.

In five weeks the sum of £12,767 has been saved in the drive for £20,000 for a Churchill tank before Christmas.

Since 27th September the number in the Southern Railway group has increased from 52 to 89, and the savings during October totalled over £900. Emulating the Chilton group, they were successful in interesting some large savers.

Progress in the High-street group, which is centred round Mr. Church, of Messrs. Deakin and Sons, is shown by the fact that last week savings amounted to £18. The average for the past five weeks has been over £15. At the beginning of July, when the group savings campaign began, the savings of the group were just over £3 a week.

The staff of Ramsgate General Hospital are taking a renewed interest in the movement. A recent meeting at the hospital was attended by the Matron, Miss V. M. P. Thomas, the Secretary, Mr. John Brown, and members of the Ramsgate Savings Committee. It was agreed that a new group should be formed, the secretary of which is Miss Beer, the Lady Almoner. The interest shown in the project is demonstrated by the fact that £18 was invested in the first two days.

CIVIL DEFENCE AWARDS

BROADSTAIRS CERTIFICATES

Members of Broadstairs Civil Defence Services visited Pierremont Hall last week when the Chairman of the Council (Councillor B. J. Pearson) presented first-aid certificates and certificates in connection with Civil Defence safe driving.

The awards were:

First-aid certificates—

First-aid parties: Messrs. H. Busbridge, F. Chatfield, W. H. Emptage, T. C. Fowler, P. Kite, W. J. Martin, and F. Pearce;

Ambulance depot: Miss G. Light, Miss H. Mitchell, Mrs. R. G. Needle, Miss K. Piggott, Miss R. Sherwood, and Miss N. Tadman;

First-aid post: Miss M. Orpwood and Miss E. Dawe;

Wardens: Messrs. A. G. Brooke, T. C. Fletcher, G. H. Hodgskin, and G. H. Impett.

First-aid vouchers (2nd year)—

First-aid parties: Messrs. H. J. Barker, A. A. Booth, A. Cooper, and E. W. Hills;

Wardens: Messrs. A. Champs and A. Spooner.

Medallions (3rd year)—

First-aid parties: Messrs. G. W. Dunn and L. Sturman.

National Civil Defence Safe Driving Award (certificate of merit)—

First-aid parties: Messrs. C. M. Allen, F. Chatfield, T. E. Fowler, and A. H. Lamley;

Ambulance depot: Mrs. E. Turner and Mr. R. Lawrence.

PARATROOP WEDS LAND GIRL

One of Britain's paratroops, Corpl. Frederick George Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Martin, of 22 St. George's-road, Ramsgate, was married at Christ Church, Ramsgate, on Tuesday.

His bride was Miss Hildred Gibbens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gibbens, of 29 Priory-road.

The bride, who is a member of the Women's Land Army, wore a honey gold dress with brown accessories, with a shoulder spray of bronze and yellow roses.

Her sister, Miss Betty Gibbens, who acted as bridesmaid, wore a wedgwood blue dress with navy accessories, with a spray of pink and red roses.

Cadet R. Coleman, of the A.T.C., was best man and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. P. M. Townend, Vicar of Christ Church.

"Canada's Guests," published by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., tells the happy story in picture and prose of the children from Britain who have been welcomed as war guests to the homes and family life of Canada.

THE MEDAL OF MERIT

THANET SCOUT LEADERS HONOURED

Hundreds of Scouts and old Scouts in Ramsgate and Broadstairs will join in congratulating Mr. W. J. Martin Tomson, for 13 years their District Commissioner, on the award to him by the Chief Scout of the Medal of Merit.

Another of the few recipients of the award is Mrs. A. L. Howard, local Assistant District Commissioner for Wolf Cubs.

Mr. Martin Tomson has followed a Kent tradition that the D.C. should be no ceremonial figure seen on rare occasions, and by his keen interest and informal visits he knew the majority of the Scouts, Rovers and even Cubs in his wide district.

By reorganising the whole area and combining it into a single association, together with his practical encouragement in the training of Scouters, he has done a tremendous lot to ensure that even the most handicapped troop was run efficiently and keenly.

Always an advocate of a first-class Scout, he found time personally to take part in the final examining for this himself. Scouting under his lead increased very considerably by the formation of new groups, and this is particularly marked in the strength of the movement in the larger private schools which in Thanet have produced some encouraging results.

When the war necessitated the evacuation of many of the boys, and the enlistment of many Scouters and Rovers, business interests took him away from the town for a considerable part of the week and he promptly took over a troop near Cranbrook, besides other work which the County Commissioner asked him to supervise. Organising a district and running a troop are not suitable for many temperaments but the District Commissioner has shown that he can do both.

Wife's Safe Return.

The notification of the award coincides with the safe arrival in England of Mrs. Martin Tomson, who has just returned from America by Clipper, following a visit to her children. After short stops at Bermuda and the Azores, Lisbon was reached. Here it appeared that a stop of two days might have to mean a stay of very indefinite duration, but at last arrangements were completed for the final connection to England. The Commissioner, on his 13th anniversary as D.C., can say the number is not always unlucky.

Now on work of national importance at Shepperton, Mrs. A. L. Howard, the A.D.C. for Wolf Cubs, was appointed to no easy office when she succeeded Mrs. J. Hennessey, who had brought Cubbing locally to a fine standard of efficiency. It is therefore all the more to her credit that the good work was still expanded under her direction. As the Cubs grew older and passed up as Scouts, Mrs. Howard's interest was still with them. She has had the pleasure of seeing some of them reach Rover age and take on a troop or pack themselves, which is the best reward any Scouter can have, and reveals great insight in her judgment of character.

The annual displays at Broadstairs each winter, and the sports displays and camp rallies at Callis Court in the summer also meant a lot of good work by her, and many of the Cubs who came down to Broadstairs to camp owe a lot to the valuable assistance that she gave to a single-handed Cubber in charge of a visiting pack.

Handicap Overcome.

Possessing a valuable knowledge of nursing, Mrs. Howard has given up much of her time in this good cause, while to those packs who were formed from the handicapped Cubs at the large convalescent homes in the district she gave unstintingly of her leisure, often going straight on to run a pack in the town immediately afterwards. Many of these handicapped lads fought their way back to health and fitness greatly helped by the interest Mrs. Howard took in their stay which was often of three months duration.

Many of the original Cubs of Mrs. Howard's own pack are now on active service in H.M. Forces, and two of them have given their lives. Those who remain will welcome the time when Mrs. Howard returns to restart Cubbing in Thanet, and probably she not least of all, even if it means starting again from nothing. When that day arrives Mrs. Howard's experience will prove an asset to the movement as never before.

R.A.F. CENTRAL BAND

AT RAMSGATE A.T.C. BALL

Capt. Harold Balfour, Under-Secretary for Air, has promised to attend the ball which is to be held at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, next Friday in aid of the welfare fund of the Ramsgate Flights of No. 438 (Thanet) Squadron, Air Training Corps.

A feature of the event, organised by the Services Comforts Fund under the patronage of the Mayor, Alderman A. B. C. Kempe, will be the attendance of the dance section of the Royal Air Force Central Band, Uxbridge, conducted by Sergt. J. Miller, which is very popular with those who listen to the B.B.C. dance programmes.

Tickets for the ball, which promises to be one of the most successful social events of the autumn at Ramsgate, can now be obtained, price 3s. (members of the Forces below commissioned rank 2s.).

MARGATE PILOT KILLED

Reported missing three weeks ago, Sergt.-Pilot Dennis Vivien Chant, R.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Chant, of Grosvenor-place, Margate, has now been reported killed in action.

Sergt.-Pilot Chant, who was 21 years of age, attended Margate Central School and was afterwards employed by a London firm of estate agents. He joined the R.A.F. about 13 months ago and had taken part with the Bomber Command in a number of raids over Germany. It was in one of these raids that he lost his life.

Sergt.-Pilot Chant was married only a few weeks ago. His father is serving in the Pioneer Corps.

MEN WHO WANT TO FLY

All men who wish to fly and fight in the air are reminded that they are entitled to volunteer even if they are in reserved occupations.

Recruits are still wanted also for the W.A.A.F. and the ground section of the R.A.F. and are invited to apply to the R.A.F. Recruiting Officer, Burtons Buildings, Chatham.

ONLY SIX FIRE-WATCHERS

A DISGRACE TO MINSTER

At a meeting of Minster Parish Council on Tuesday it was stated that only six people out of a population of 750 had volunteered to form fire-watching parties.

"I am very fed up with Minster because it is the only place in the area that has given us any trouble," said Mr. Parker, Fire Guard Staff Officer of Eastry Rural District Council, who addressed the Council on the subject.

Mr. Parker pointed out that the empty houses were a source of danger as the population had been reduced from about 2,000 to 750.

Minster was originally asked to form five parties of 21 people each to do fire-watching during "alerts" or when enemy aircraft were about. Then raids dropped off and enthusiasm dwindled. The regional authorities had now agreed to the formation of supplementary fire parties of three people each who would undertake to turn out in the event of bombs falling, which rendered it unnecessary to do actual fire-watching or turn out when the siren sounded. Eight parties was the minimum required, but so far only six out of 750 people had come forward, the Vicar having formed one party and another being at the Freehold.

Eastry Council, he added, were not desirous of obtaining compulsory fire-watching powers, but if they were applied to the district it would mean that many more people would have to do duty and be out at night.

Left to the Women.

"One of the things which upsets Minster," said the chairman, Councillor G. M. Norton, "is that the men will not come forward. Women have come forward before, but now they say 'Let the men do it.' There are men in this parish who are doing nothing whatever. I call it disgraceful."

Mr. Parker emphasised that it was the duty of citizens to come forward and undertake the work for the protection of their homes. He had plenty of stirrup pumps, steel helmets and armlets for issue to each party.

Councillor T. Spanton undertook to form a party, and Councillor Mrs. Harris believed people ready to join a party knew nothing about it.

The Vicar (Councillor A. W. MacMichael): There are some people who are willing, but in certain districts of Minster there is a wave of Bolshevik spirit abroad which says "I'm jiggered if I am going to do it if A, B and C don't pull their weight."

Councillor Mrs. Harris: If we explain the position I think we can alter that. It is very disgraceful if we don't try to alter it.

When it was suggested that an article in the Press might do some good Councillor Spanton remarked "Some of them are pretty tough."

In reply to a question, the chairman said not one tradesman had offered his services.

Councillor Father T. A. Keniry: Surely the public houses want protection?

The Chairman: Apparently they don't. They don't want anything.

Mr. Parker: The trouble is the absence of bombs falling. It is generally difficult to keep interest going with volunteers. They seem to think they can chuck it up when they like.

Thanking Mr. Parker for his attendance the chairman hoped some good would result.

TEACHER AND ORGANIST

DEATH OF MR. E. J. SOLLY

The death occurred at Bilting, near Ashford, last week, within four days of his 49th birthday, of Mr. Edward James Solly, of Dane-crescent, Ramsgate

Mr. Solly was a twin son of the late Councillor Percy Solly, under whom he served for many years as an assistant master at Hereson Boys' School.

Ill-health forced Mr. Solly to retire on a disability pension in March, 1940, but his home was in Ramsgate until the outbreak of war.

As a boy Mr. Solly attended St. George's Commercial School and from 1907 until 1911 he was a pupil at Simon Langton School, Canterbury. In 1913 he went to Hereson School, where his father was headmaster, as an uncertificated teacher.

From July, 1915, until September, 1920, he served in the Labour Corps, and on demobilisation he went to Goldsmith's College for two years in order to gain his teacher's certificate.

Mr. Solly then returned to Hereson as an assistant master, and continued there until his retirement.

For a number of years Mr. Solly was organist and choirmaster at St. Luke's Church. A keen horticulturist, he held office as treasurer of the Ramsgate and District Horticultural Society and was also treasurer of the Ramsgate Cycling and Motoring Club, of both of which organisations father and son were members over a long period.

Mr. Solly leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter, to whom the deepest sympathy will be extended. One son, who enlisted in the King's Hussars, is serving in Irak with the R.A.C., and the other is employed by the Ministry of Supply, while the daughter is still at school.

The funeral took place at Godmersham on Saturday.

A large number of local friends and friends from Ramsgate were present to pay their last tribute. The Vicar (Rev. Graham Brade Birke) was assisted at the service by the Rev. N. S. Larke, Vicar of St. Mary Bredon, Canterbury, and former Vicar of St. Luke's, Ramsgate, where Mr. Solly was organist and choirmaster for a number of years.

The Vicar read the opening prayer and the 23rd Psalm was sung. The lesson was read by Mr. Larke, followed by the hymn "O Love that wilt not let me go."

Mr. Herbert Haworth, a great friend of Mr. Solly, presided at the organ.

The mourners were the widow, Mr. V. Solly (son), Mr. Solly (brother), Mrs. Duerth (sister), Mrs. East (aunt), Mr. R. Lednor (father-in-law), Mr. R. Lednor jnr. (brother-in-law).

Floral tributes were received from Dais; Ted, Vic and Audrey; Dolly and Jean; Perce, Dot, Joyce and Joan; Lewis, Con, Daphne and Paddy; Aunt Emily, Uncle and family; Vi; Lednor family and Mr. and Mrs. Braine; Mr. and Mrs. Godden; Mr. and Mrs. Edwards and Gwen; Violet, Harry and Vyvyan; Stella and Edgar; L. and K. Pledge; Mr. and Mrs. Hatton; Mr. and Mrs. Jenness, Cedric and Ritchie; All at Affricks; Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins, Cyril and Rodney; All at "Court Farm"; St. Luke's Congregation, Ramsgate; The Staff, Ellington School British Restaurant; Mrs. E. E. Howard and Fred Howard; Teachers Association, N.U.T.; Mr. and Mrs. Austen and Walter; Mr. and Mrs. Neat; Ramsgate Cycling and Motoring Club; Mrs. Langley.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Walter J. Austen, of Hereson-road, Ramsgate.

WEDDING RECEPTION

HELD AT BRITISH RESTAURANT

Following a friendship lasting over 40 years, Mr. James Henry Bearman and Mrs. Lizzie E. Smith, of Osborne-road, Broadstairs, were married at Ramsgate last week, and the wedding reception was afterwards held at Pierremont Restaurant, Broadstairs.

Mrs. Smith is the widow of the late Mr. J. Smith, who was a painter and decorator at Broadstairs for many years.

There were 15 guests at the wedding luncheon and although the tables were specially decorated they were served with the ordinary luncheon. They were welcomed by Councillor B. Humphrey, chairman of the British Restaurant Committee, and Mrs. Humphrey.

Son of the late Mr. J. C. Bearman, who was for many years a member of the old Broadstairs volunteer Fire Brigade, Mr. Bearman served with the South African Constabulary during the Boer War and holds the Queen's Medal, with four clasps. During the last war he served with the 6th Dragoon Guards.

During recent years Mr. Bearman has been living at Gravesend, but he is now returning to Broadstairs.

The bride was attended by Mrs. J. Knight and Mrs. W. Stead, and 2nd-Lieut. S. Smith, the bride's younger son, carried out the duties of best man.

TUNNEL TALKS

RAMSGATE HEALTH CAMPAIGN

One of the most important contributory factors to the war effort and the achievement of final victory will be the maintenance of a sound state of health among the population in the British isles and the avoidance during the coming months of the epidemics which are already spreading on the Continent of Europe.

Particular interest, therefore, attaches to a series of talks on health matters which will be given by Dr. J. V. Walker, Ramsgate Medical Officer of Health, during the next few weeks.

The talks, to which all townspeople are invited, will be given at the Health Centre in Newington-road and in the deep tunnel shelters near the Hereson-road entrance.

The first of the series at the Health Centre will be given on Tuesday afternoon and will be continued each Tuesday at 4 p.m. and each Thursday at 7.30 p.m. until 4th December.

The talks in the tunnel will be given at 8.30 p.m. on Fridays, 28th November and 5th December.

The report of the Public Health Committee presented to the Council on Monday stated that the Ministry of Health were anxious to secure the co-operation of the public in reducing the spread of diseases caused by droplet infection and that users of dormitory shelters should be educated in health matters.

Dr. Walker reported with regard to the arrangements he was making for lectures to be given to parents at the Health Centre and added that, in consultation with the local medical practitioners, he was also arranging for lectures to be given to the Civil Defence personnel and to persons using the tunnel shelters.

FOR LONELY SOLDIERS

BROADSTAIRS HOSPITALITY

In the November issue of Broadstairs Church Magazine, the Rector, the Rev. C. H. Bailey, expresses the hope that members of the congregation will take the initiative in organising hospitality to any soldier who may be missing the comforts of home.

"The return of rather colder weather with our inhospitable north wind makes it easier," he writes, "to imagine the great suffering and hardship that our Russian allies are now enduring for our cause, and so helps us make any sacrifices that may be demanded of us cheerfully . . .

"But while we think of the heroic sacrifices now being made by the Russian soldiers and people, as also by our sailors and airmen, let us not forget the difficult and monotonous lives that our own soldiers are called upon to live during these months, when, through no fault of their own and against their wishes they are unable to meet the enemy, but are compelled to wait still in their own country but away from their homes and families, and without the interest or remuneration of their former work, though they know others are enjoying both. And yet they remain cheerful and keen. Surely it is our duty and privilege to offer to them all the friendliness and hospitality that we possibly can, if any are billeted near us, and supply just that home atmosphere with which we would like our own sons to be surrounded."

SIR JOHN BAYLEY

HONOURED BY HIS NATIVE TOWN

Sir John Bayley, of East Court, Ramsgate, has been presented with a portrait of himself in oils on behalf of the people of his native town of Hyde, Cheshire, in recognition of his magnificent gift of Bayley Hall for the benefit of the people of Hyde.

The portrait hangs in the drawing-room at Edgecliffe, Llandudno, where Sir John has been living since he left Ramsgate two years ago.

When the presentation was made at Sir John's home last week Alderman T. Middleton said they were proud of Sir John as a Hyde man, proud because his life was a record of high endeavour and achievement. He had few advantages in his boyhood but to-day his name ranked with the foremost of English educationists. A man who built up a school like Wellington College had left his mark deeply on English life, not of one generation only but of many.

In Hyde they owed to him a hall which was one of the best used buildings in the town as a health clinic, an old men's institute and a prospective art gallery.

FUNERAL OF MR. G. PAINE

The funeral took place at Charlton Cemetery, Dover, on Tuesday, of Mr. G. Paine, an ex-chief inspector of the Ramsgate Police Force, whose death was reported in our last issue.

Those present included Alderman A. E. Petley, chairman of Ramsgate Watch Committee, and Acting Chief Inspr. Hicks, Inspr. Swendell, Sergt. Cossons, Sergt. Ticehurst, Sergt. Rogers, Acting-Sergt. Jenner, P/C Coughlan, P/C Jordan, F/P/R Roberson and F/P/R Dines, of Ramsgate Borough Police Force.

Members of the force acted as bearers.

"The fall of Germany is nearer than politicians on either side imagine. There is disintegration in the Nazi party, and the suicidal war against Russia has provoked Army dissension."—Dr. Benes, President of Czechoslovakia.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

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Recruits for W.A.A.F. and Ground Section R.A.F. also invited to apply.

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Please send gifts and offers of help to your local Poppy Day Committee . . . or to HAIG'S FUND, CARDIGAN HOUSE, RICHMOND, SURREY.

POPPY DAY

NOVEMBER 11th.

AN ACTIVE LIFE

FUNERAL OF EX-COUNCILLOR

The funeral took place on Wednesday of Mr. William John Roff, a former member of Ramsgate Town Council, whose death was reported in our previous issue.

Mr. Roff was born at Battersea in 1873 but the family moved to Greenford soon afterwards and later to Enfield, which at that period was in the heart of the country. Around Enfield he would walk many miles with his father and on one occasion, when only six or seven years old, accompanied him on foot to London—a feat which was justly considered worthy of note by the proud father and was later to prove characteristic of the energy of the man-to-be.

In his early 'teens he was apprenticed in London to the rapidly growing catering trade and soon found service with Mr. John Pearce, founder of Pearce and Plenty and the J.P. Restaurants, rising to manage branches which served several hundred meals daily at the high speeds which so suited his energy.

Mr. Roff's first connection with Ramsgate was in 1902, in King-street, when he became associated with Cavendish Baptist Church, but the quiet life in the winter drove him back to the rush of the City of London that he loved so well. He started his first London restaurant in historic Jewin Street in 1910, moving two years later to larger premises in Barbican, where he built a reputation for attention to detail gained from previous experience and personal co-operation with staff.

500 Lunches a Day.

Five hundred lunches were served each day, people coming from considerable distances to enjoy the food at "Roff's," so that he became a prominent leader in the catering world. He later opened shops in Southwark and spent a period at Hove, Sussex, as manager of the Dudley Hotel before he returned to Ramsgate.

Not only in business did Mr. Roff lead an active life. He had joined Spurgeon's Tabernacle in 1892 and became a lay preacher; in this vocation he was in much demand over South London and Dockland, for his keen interest in antiquities, curios and novelties led him to devise object lessons and lantern services not only for children but for adults, and much of his work bore fruit in the lives of others. Though his Sundays were thus occupied, he found time to be an active gardener and always had orchids and other rare plants to exhibit in his greenhouse. His chief indoor hobby was conjuring, especially at children's parties, and he had been a member of the Inner Magic Circle, London, for many years.

War-time Strain.

He married Grace Wallage in 1896, commencing a life partnership of constant happiness which remained unbroken until Mrs. Roff's death at Ramsgate in 1938. From this loss he never fully recovered, but threw himself into serving Naval officers, both night and day, at the commencement of the war until it caused a total collapse in September 1940. Even from this his remarkable energy permitted partial recovery but a second stroke, during a London air-raid, removed his memory of past events. Even so, he was able to enjoy the comparative quiet of Teddington for a few months before the final quick release of a soul that could not bear idleness.

He leaves a married son at Teddington and a daughter serving in the W.R.N.S.

Mr. Roff was buried in the same grave as his wife at Ramsgate Cemetery on Wednesday.

The service was conducted by Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel and those present in addition to Mr. Roff's son and daughter were the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), Alderman T. W. Mockridge, Councillors W. L. Knibbs and F. C. Miller and the Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis).

ACTING LIBRARIAN

SALARY INCREASE APPROVED

Following consideration by Council in committee Ramsgate Town Council have approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee increasing the salary of Miss Joyce Redman, temporary Acting Librarian, from 25s. to £2 a week.

The Library Committee had recommended that Miss Redman's salary should be 30s. a week, with a bonus of 5s. a week while she continued to carry out the duties of Acting Librarian.

When the matter came before the Finance Committee they recommended a salary of £2 a week.

At the October meeting of the Council the matter was referred back to Council in committee.

YOUTH POST RESIGNED

Having been appointed principal of Erith Technical College, Dr. E. A. Woolf has resigned his office as secretary of the Kent Youth Committee.

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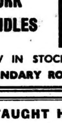
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TAUGHT HOW TO LIVE

CLARENDON HOUSE AWARDS

Alderman W. C. Redman, vice-chairman of the governors, presented London General School Certificates to girls of Clarendon House School at Stafford on Tuesday.

The school's only endowed prize, the "Margaret Wright" prize for public spirit, was divided between Freda Kelf and Esther Rickford.

National Savings Certificates, prizes for handwriting presented by Mrs. Kate Helm, mother of the Headmistress, were awarded Valerie Moore, of the Upper School, and Joyce Walkinshaw, of the Lower School.

Introduced by Miss I. E. Helm, the Headmistress, Alderman Redman said that whatever might be happening in the outside world, the girls must adapt themselves to their life in Stafford and in spite of strange surroundings they found themselves among friends of the truest type.

He hoped the girls in the Upper School who would soon be leaving would look back upon their schooldays, not only with pride, but with the knowledge that they had been a period of true preparation for successful work in the world. He hoped the Lower part of the school would make the most of their opportunities which came but once in a lifetime. He asked them, after consultation with their teachers, to form definite ideas as to their careers at least a year before leaving school so that they might make a success of life. They could probably be helped in ways of which they did not know.

Clarendon House, he said, not only gave them a good education; it taught them how to live and how to live with others. He asked them to appreciate nature, and those cultural values which the world could not take from them. He hoped it would not be long before they could return to their beautiful home town of Ramsgate and to Clarendon House. "Till then," he concluded, "let us keep faith; let us remember what the Head told us at the beginning of the afternoon; let us look forward with hope, and let us get all the joy out of life that we can by doing the job we have in hand as well as we can possibly do it."

Alderman Redman was thanked for distributing the awards by Freda Kelf, head girl and school Mayor, seconded by Esther Richford, school deputy Mayor.

Prize-day at Chatham House School was to have been held on Wednesday but was postponed owing to the illness of the headmaster, the Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury.

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CARDS

A War Savings Christmas card with 30 spaces to carry 2s. 6d. and 6d. savings stamps is being printed for the National Savings Committee and will shortly be available free of charge to purchasers of savings stamps.

On the cover of this attractive card is a gaily-coloured picture of a galleon by the well-known poster artist, Frank Mason.

The card also contains an appropriate Christmas message and Drake's prayer:

> O Lord God, when Thou givest to Thy servants to endeavour any great matter grant us also to know that it is not the Beginning but the Continuing of the same until it be Thoroughly Finished which yieldeth the True Glory.

For those who think of Christmas gifts in terms of pounds there are the National Savings gift tokens already in great favour with the public and always available at Post Offices. The lucky recipient can exchange them for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10 or 50 Savings Certificates according to the generosity of the donor.

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A YEAR AGO

Baulked in their attempt to penetrate inland on Saturday, a formation of about 25 enemy bombers, escorted by fighters, vented its spite by making a mass murder attack on a south-east coast town. Although the invaders, who swept out of the clouds, made the cemetery the main target of their savage attack, other heavy calibre bombs fell in a residential district, where rows of small dwellings were damaged, and near a busy shopping centre, where the windows of many business premises were shattered. In addition to demolishing hundreds of tombstones and a large number of graves, the bombs caused severe damage to two churches, a chapel and three schools. A number of people lost their lives.

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Although a number of houses were demolished and several people were injured, there were only two fatal casualties when German raiders carried out two dive-bombing raids on Ramsgate on Tuesday.

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In a raid on another south-east coast town a bakehouse was demolished and a cinema badly damaged. Bombs also fell in the rectory garden. No one was seriously hurt.

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Chased by two British fighters, a Messerschmitt 109 was brought down at Birchington. The pilot baled out at about 300ft. and dropped into the branches of a small tree by the roadside.

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Recently appointed to a famous R.A.F. squadron, Sergt.-Pilot Ian Malcolm Keith Miller, an old boy of Chatham House School, Ramsgate, was killed in a flying accident.

25 YEARS AGO
(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

A BRIGHT FUTURE

Speaking at the Ramsgate Mayor-making ceremony, the Mayor (Councillor T. S. Chayney), who was re-elected for a second term of office, said

"We were not prepared for war, but I ask the people of Ramsgate to prepare for peace while they are continuing their best endeavours to prosecute the war to a victorious issue. The war must be won, and it will be won, and when the sun shines once more there will come a chance for Ramsgate. It is for us to be ready to grasp that opportunity. I see for Ramsgate a bright future. It is not played out, and every day we are getting the finest advertisement we ever had from the hundreds of men who are here to recuperate their health. They will be our missionaries of the future, but we must be able to offer a bright and attractive town to the patrons they will send to our doors."

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With simple solemnity the funeral took place on Thursday of Flt.-Corpl. J. A. Luck, of the Royal Flying Corps, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Luck, of Grange-road, Ramsgate. His death while engaged in the service of his country adds another name to the growing list of old boys of the County School who have, since August, 1914, paid the supreme sacrifice.

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The "London Gazette" notifies the appointment as second-lieutenant, Royal East Kent Yeomanry, of Charles Stewart Dowling, who has served with the regiment since the beginning of the war. Lieut. Dowling is the youngest son of Mr. R. Dowling, a former Mayor of Ramsgate.

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The strength of the Ramsgate Police Force has been further reduced during the week, five more constables having been released for service with the colours. On Monday P/Cs Barrow, Cossons, Rye, and Thompson joined the Military Police, and P/C Curling hopes to follow them shortly.

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In a carefully considered paper on "Socialism and Individualism," given at the Congregational Men's Association, Ramsgate, on Sunday, Mr. Herbert Flowerdew presented arguments against giving over to the control of the State any industry that is capable of being carried on by private enterprise.

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Capt. James Wood, a Ramsgate fisherman who joined the Royal Naval Reserve when war broke out and was appointed skipper of a minesweeper, has been awarded the D.C.M. for bravery.

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Two Ramsgate Freemasons took honours at the installation meeting of the St. John's Thanet Lodge on Monday. They were Bro. W. E. Thornton, who is one of the deacons, and Bro. J. S. G Langley, whose Masonic zeal and seniority did not prevent him from accepting the comparatively junior office of steward. They are both members of the Royal Navy Lodge, Ramsgate, represented amongst others by the present Master, Bro. J. C. West, and Bro. F. J. Wraight, one of the stalwarts of the fraternity in the district.

POLICE SHOTS BEAT R.A.F.

Ramsgate Borough Police were in good form when they defeated an R.A.F. Sergeants' Mess by 254 points to 195 in a shooting match at Willson's-road Drill Hall on Wednesday.

The scores were:

Police—P/C Housden 20—6, P/C Shanahan 20—13, W/R Reynolds 20—8, W/R Ludeman 20—8, D/C Oram 25—17, A/P/S Jenner 25—18, P/S Wait 10—17, S/C Fearn 15—12.

R.A.F.—W/O Moss 10—8, W/O Ellwood 20—16, F/S Brown 10—15, F/S Stewart 0—0, Sergt. Murray 25—18, Sergt. Stark 10—17, Sergt. Cox 15—6, W/O Newman 20—6.

It was generally agreed that F/S Stewart is a much better shot with a dart than with a rifle.

50 YEARS AGO
(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

GUY FAWKES PROCESSION

Ramsgate is regarded as a very sleepy sort of place in the dull period extending from November until Easter. For once, however, the popular idea is at fault, and the place has shown itself to be as lively as at the height of the season. The occasion was that of Guy Fawkes Day. There were, as a matter of course, the usual grotesque exhibitions by children in all parts of the town, accompanied by a deafening noise which might willingly have been dispensed with. The unique celebrations of the day in Ramsgate were the Guy Fawkes procession, followed by the burning of effigies on the sands, and the masquerade ball at the Marina. The procession was one of the most mirth-provoking we have seen for many a day. It was intended as a skit against the majority of the Council; but there was nothing very offensive in it. Everything was carried out with perfect good humour. So far did this extend that the prototype of one of the most faithful of the effigies looked smilingly on the procession, when it passed, from a prominent point of vantage at the Market-place. The other members did not show themselves. On passing the Town Hall the band played "The Bogey Man," causing much amusement to the crowd. At Broadstairs an effigy of an unpopular resident was taken on to the sands and committed to the flames.

BARBER SACKED

At the weekly meeting of the Isle of Thanet Board of Guardians the schoolmaster complained of the negligence of the barber in his treatment of the boys' hair. It was decided to call upon the barber to resign within seven days.

NEW LORD WARDEN

We are officially informed that the Queen has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava as Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports and Constable of Dover Castle, in the room of the late Rt. Hon. W. H. Smith, M.P.

POLICE APPOINTMENT

The newly appointed Inspector of Police at Ramsgate took the oath before the magistrates on Monday. Inspr. Ross comes from the Police Force of the Cathedral City of Canterbury with the character of a smart and capable officer and a good disciplinarian.

TO VIENNA AND LISBON

VIA THE ODEON, RAMSGATE

Barbara Mullen, daughter of the "Man of Aran," who was born in the United States and brought up in a speak-easy run by her mother in Boston, makes her first appearance in Ramsgate in "Jeannie," which is being screened at the Odeon Cinema to-day and to-morrow.

It is an entrancing story of a Scots girl who inherits £297 and goes off to Vienna for a holiday. On the way she meets Michael Redgrave, a washing-machine salesman, in whom she becomes particularly interested. In Vienna she falls in love with a mid-European nobleman who deserts her when her "fortune" has disappeared. She returns to work in a laundry in Scotland where a washing-machine leads to a wedding ring. "Dead Men Tell," with Sidney Toler, is also being shown.

Whirling from air-bombed London to gay Lisbon, "One Night in Lisbon," featuring Fred MacMurray and Madeleine Carroll, will be the chief feature for the latter part of the week. It is the story of a beautiful English girl who leads an American airman on a mad chase over half a continent. Madeleine is kidnapped by Nazi agents but in thrilling style MacMurray saves the life of the pretty English decoy and what started as war ends in romance. A romantic drama with music and song, "Her First Romance," starring Edith Fellows and Wilbur Evans, will also be shown.

MINSTER.

Film Unit's Visit.—It is hoped to secure the use of Minster Parish Hall in connection with a visit by a Ministry of Information mobile film unit towards the end of the month. When, at a meeting of the Parish Council, on Tuesday, is was stated that admission would be free, Councillor White observed "That's Minster's price."

School Attendance.—Councillor Father Keniry reported to Minster Council on Tuesday that the question of extending educational facilities in Minster was still under consideration by the Kent Education Committee and the Board of Education, and he hoped for a settlement at an early date. It was wished to restore compulsory attendance at school.

Paper Waste.—A sub-committee of Minster Parish Council have arranged a scheme for the collection of waste paper from householders who enter their names on a form exhibited in the Post Office and in certain shops. This results in a considerable saving of collectors' time, and unnecessary canvassing. School children have volunteered to make the collection every Friday and Saturday.

Golden Wedding.—Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Collins, of 1 Hawthorne Cottages, High-street, Minster, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Friday. Mrs. Collins is a native of Minster and her husband, who came to Minster from Barfreston over 50 years ago, was employed as a platelayer on the Southern Railway until he retired at the age of 65 eight years ago. Until 1925 he was a bell ringer at St. Mary's Church where he was married in 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Collins have a family of four sons and three daughters, all of whom are married.

Funeral of Mrs. Hougham.—The funeral took place at Minster Cemetery on Tuesday of Mrs. Mary Ann Hougham, a resident of Minster for about 70 years, who passed away at the home of one of her grandsons, Fern Cottage, Meeting-street, Ramsgate. Mrs. Hougham, who was 93 years of age, lived for 35 years at 3 Freehold-cottages, Augustine-road, Minster. She was born at Vincent Farm, near Margate, and lost her husband, at the age of 86, in 1932. Mrs. Hougham leaves a son and a daughter, and there are several grandchildren. The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar of Minster (Rev. A. W. MacMichael). Mrs. Hougham being laid to rest in the same grave as her husband. The mourners were Mr. A. Hougham (son), Mr. A. Hougham (grandson), Mr. A. W. Brett (grandson), Mrs. A. Hougham, Mrs. A. W. Brett, Mr. C. Ballard and Mrs. Cobbett.

EVENING HAIRCUTS

After ascertaining the views of the shopkeepers and assistants concerned, Ramsgate Watch Committee have agreed to make an order allowing barbers and hairdressers to close at 7 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and 7.30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday from 10th November to 28th February.

Last winter barbers and hairdressers were allowed to keep open until 8 p.m. on Saturday and 7 p.m. every other day but this year, had no special order been made, they would have had to close at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday and 6 p.m. every other day.

THE PINK-UN

WHERE TO GET CANNED COUPONS

The new pink-un, the points ration book which will enable everyone to obtain a fair share of canned meats, fish and beans, is now ready.

At Ramsgate the pink Points Coupon Book is obtainable on presentation of the Main Ration Book at the Food Office, Queen-street; Hereson Girls' School, Lillian-road; 5 Whitehall-road; and 69 Edith-road between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Saturday 9.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.).

At Broadstairs the centres of supply will be the Food Office, 46 High-street; the Women's Voluntary Service, 130 High-street; and Pierremont Restaurant, St. Mildred's-avenue.

All dated, the coupons in the pink-un are marked A, B and C. The four A coupons dated 17th November to 14th December are each worth 1 point; the four B coupons bearing the same date are each worth 1 point, and the four C coupons are each worth 2 points. This adds up to 16 points so that in the first four weeks of the scheme each consumer will have 16 points to spend.

What You Can Get.

When she goes shopping the shopper will find that all the items in the new food have been given a value in points, as follows:

Solid pack canned meats, i.e., tongue, briskets, luncheon meat, stewed steak and rabbit—16 points per lb. net;

Certain types of canned fish, i.e., salmon, sardines, crayfish and lobster—16 points per lb. net;

All other canned fish, i.e., mainly herrings and pilchards—12 points per lb. net;

Certain home-produced and Eire canned meat products, i.e., ready meals, meat rolls and galantines—8 points per lb. net;

Canned beans in sauce or gravy, (home produced and imported)—4 points per lb. net.

If a woman decides to spend her 16 points on one purchase, she might buy ½lb. of ox tongue, 8 points (that is four C coupons); 4ozs. sardines, 4 points (that is four A coupons); and 1lb. beans, 4 points (four B coupons); total, 16 points, but the coupons may be spent on more than one day in the four weeks and in more than one shop, so that, although the Ministry cannot guarantee that every item of the new food will be in every shop whenever a shopper asks for it—that would be impossible under conditions of war—if she is not satisfied in one shop she may go to another. Catering establishments will share in the distribution on the basis of main meals served.

The scheme will give the consumer freedom to shop for the new foods where and when she likes. She will not have to register, she will not have to restrict her purchases to one shop and she will be permitted to spend her coupons how she pleases on a wide variety of foods.

NEW PROFESSION—LOOTING

SAFEGUARD FOR TRADERS' SALVAGE

Mrs. Proctor, Area Distribution Officer of the Board of Trade, and Mr. Hurd, Assistant Regional Salvage Officer, came to Ramsgate on Thursday to explain the regional emergency salvage scheme for traders.

On arrival at Clarendon House they found the scheme organised at the request of the Regional Commissioner by the Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the local Salvage Officer, Mr. R. D. Brimmell, in perfect working order.

"This is the 53rd town we have visited in connection with the scheme," said Mr. Hurd, "but you are the first to have produced a salvage worker's pass on our arrival. Your scheme is an efficient scheme."

The pass to which Mr. Hurd referred is the printed authority which will be issued to traders and their staffs who take part in salvaging shop goods after a raid. Without it a shopkeeper may not be allowed to salvage even his own goods.

"This is really necessary," said Mr. Hurd, "because looting is now a profession in England. It has become an absolute racket."

With regard to insurance coverage during salvage operations, Mr. Hurd said insurance companies would accept an endorsement of policy reading "I am a member of the Ramsgate traders' salvage scheme which has been organised at the request of Lord Monsell, the Regional Commissioner, and in the event of a severe air raid upon Ramsgate my employees and vehicles may be used to salvage other traders' goods but not from dangerous buildings."

At present, he added, the Government refused to grant compensation for injuries sustained by those undertaking salvage in connection with the scheme as they were entirely voluntary workers.

Councillor A. R. Young presided at the meeting and urged all traders who had not yet done so to join the scheme for the mutual benefit of their customers and themselves.

ABOARD H.M.S. KENT

"The 'Local Rag' is always in great demand and would be sadly missed if the 'Missus' failed to send it."—Extract from letter written on behalf of the Ramsgate men serving in H.M.S. Kent to the Editor of the THANET ADVERTISER & ECHO.

IT CAN'T BE LONG NOW

PRISONER OF WAR'S CHEERY LETTER

A cheery letter from her son, Pte. Albert Twyman, of The Buffs, who is a prisoner of war at Stalag VIII B, has been received by Mrs. Twyman, of 21 St. Patrick's-road, Ramsgate.

Pte. Twyman, who is 20 years of age, went to France in April, 1940, and was taken prisoner during the fighting the following month.

In his letter, which was written in August, Pte. Twyman says he has received a new battle dress and other clothing and they get Red Cross parcels.

"It can't be very long now before we are together again," he says. "It is just a matter of waiting and keeping your chin up."

WESTGATE MAN'S ORDEAL

RESCUE FROM BATTERED SHIP

Rejected from the Army as unfit for further service, Mr. Wilfred John Crispin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Crispin, of The Bungalow, St. Crispin's-road, Westgate, was one of the 44 men rescued from a ship under dramatic circumstances by the Cromer and Gorleston lifeboats.

The ship on which Mr. Crispin was serving as fourth engineer was pounded by heavy seas and rescue attempts by the lifeboats on the first day failed.

Five members of the crew were washed overboard and drowned and that night the remaining 44 huddled together on the bridge, thinking that each moment would be their last. At dawn the seas calmed a little, the lifeboats returned, and the rescue was effected.

Mr. Crispin, who is 25 years of age, was called up as a Territorial in the Royal Artillery at the outbreak of war. After a month he was discharged as unfit but he signed on with the Navy to serve in an auxiliary armed cruiser. He served in this ship for six months, subsequently going to the Merchant Navy.

Cairo to Ramsgate

RAMSGATE MAN BROADCASTS HOME

For a few thrilling moments on Wednesday night a Ramsgate couple heard one of their sons speaking to them from two thousand miles away.

A short time ago Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Greengrass, of 81 Plains of Waterloo, who can be justly proud of the fact that they have five sons serving in the Forces—four in the Navy and one in the Royal Air Force—were informed by the B.B.C. that one of them, A/B Walter Henry Greengrass, of H.M.S. Nile, would be "on the air" in the "Greetings from Cairo" programme.

Gathered round their fireside with another son, Charles, also a member of the Royal Navy, and their daughter Lena, they waited eagerly until the Cairo announcer brought A/B Greengrass to the "mike."

Fortunately reception was good and his voice came over clearly and cheerfully, greeting first of all, his mother and father, the members of his family and Emmie (Mrs. D. Greengrass), Hilda (Mrs. H. L. Greengrass), Phyl (Mrs. Wilfred Greengrass) and Cis (Mrs. C. Greengrass). Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Greengrass and their son

Geoffrey were listening in at their home, 6 Livingstone-road, St. Peter's, while Mrs. H. L. Greengrass, whose husband is a Petty Officer at a Fleet Air Arm base, also heard the greeting at 42 Camden-square.

A/B Greengrass is an enthusiastic guitar player—he played in an orchestra at Chatham when on leave—and in his brief message he announced that he still had his instrument with him. "I would like to be home for Christmas to have a tune up," he said, addressing his brother Charles, who is an exponent on the mandoline. A/B Greengrass' wife is in Malta and he mentioned that he had not seen her lately.

An old boy of St. George's School, A/B Greengrass entered the Navy soon after leaving school and came out on pension after serving for 22 years. When the present war broke out he joined the Army but, after being promoted to the rank of sergeant, he was transferred to the Navy. An efficient linguist, he speaks French, Italian, Spanish and a little Greek.

BROADSTAIRS

Officers Re-Elected.—At the quarterly meeting of the Star of the East Lodge of Good Templars, Broadstairs, all the officers were re-elected for a further term.

For Prisoners of War.—The sum of £17 was collected in Broadstairs and St. Peter's during October in aid of the British Red Cross and St. John War Organisation's prisoners of war fund.

Confirmed.—Nine Broadstairs children confirmed at Tamworth, Staffs., last week were William Williams, Norman Ovenden, David Stokes, John Philpott, Daphne Sydes, Sheila Johnson, Pamela Wilkes, Sheila Bennett and Olive Powell.

W.V.S. Appointment.—Wife of Councillor B. Humphrey, Mrs. Humphrey has been appointed assistant organiser of the W.V.S. at Broadstairs, following the resignation owing to ill-health of Mrs. M. Ward. Mrs. Humphrey, who has been connected with the branch since its formation, has been an active worker at Pierremont Restaurant and has also been in charge of the knitting party which has done much useful work at the centre.

D.S.M. FOR DOG TRAINER

Formerly assistant to the late Mr. Arthur Wyles, trainer at Dumpton Park greyhound track, Mr. Alfred Turner, who is now serving with the Royal Navy, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

Mr. Turner was acting as gunner on board an escort vessel when the ship was attacked by four enemy aeroplanes. Mr. Turner shot two down and damaged a third, while the fourth made off.

After leaving Ramsgate Mr. Turner went to West Ham Stadium and trained for Mr. Rupert V. Cobb, of Park-avenue, Dumpton.

"Behind the Russian lines great armies are being built up, and the morale is stronger than ever before. Behind the Nazi lines there is a German people more exhausted and more defeatist in its heart than ever the Kaiser had to deal with."—Mr. Noel Baker, M.P.

TEACHING CHRISTIANITY

ROTARIANS AND RELIGION

The difficult problem of religious instruction in schools was discussed at Ramsgate Rotary Club's luncheon on Tuesday.

The chief speaker was the Rev. A. Clifford Wilson, Canterbury Diocesan Director of Religious Education, and other guests welcomed by the president (Rotarian W. W. Wetherill) were the Rev. Harcourt Samuel, vice-chairman of Ramsgate Education Committee, Alderman J. J. White, chairman of Ramsgate and District Education Committee, and Mr. S. V. West, Secretary to Ramsgate Education Committee.

Mr. Wilson said it was very difficult to speak upon the subject without prejudice. Like love and other things which were very dear to the heart of an Englishman, they felt very strongly about them. It was right that they should feel strongly about their religious feelings.

As representatives of the professional and business side of life, Rotarians were naturally keenly interested in the war aims of the country and the practical side of life in the country after the war. Last time it was popularly said that they won the war and lost the peace. There was a great deal in that. How were they to avoid a similar mistake this time? The only way was by preparation now.

The ideal of education was the development of a child's individuality and personality in a freedom which was tempered only by the accumulated wisdom of past ages. How could they help children to be better leaders to-morrow? Education was one of the best means.

Both to Blame.

Education, said Mr. Wilson, had grown largely out of private enterprise. The great obstruction in any attempt to produce a complete national system of education had always been, he was ashamed to say, religion. The various religious bodies squabbled and quarrelled throughout the 19th century and the early part of the present century. Both the Church of England and the free churches were to blame. The Board of Education, the local education authorities and the teaching profession adopted an attitude of impatience at the quarrels, and who could blame them? They felt quite rightly that these quarrels were hindering the true work of education in the country. It was not that the Board of Education, the local authorities and the teachers were anti-religious. They were pro-educational. As a result a very vague form of religion had been taught in the schools. It was more or less based on the Greek ideal of good citizenship, but it had failed. They found that when children left school they also left religion behind, because no attempt had been made to fit them into one or other of the believing communities.

After the war, said Mr. Wilson, he believed there would be an increased measure of state control in their lives. If that came and the wrong people got into power education might be prostituted as it had been in Germany.

Five Specific Points.

The leaders of the Church of England had issued a call to action and the Archbishop led a deputation to the President of the Board of Education in which five specific points were named. The first was that facilities should be given for teachers better to equip themselves for giving Christian education. The second that teachers should be encouraged to take religion as an integral subject in their qualifying examination, and the third that religious teaching should be given only by teachers who were qualified. The fourth point was that religious teaching should be subject to inspection as to method only, and the fifth that in all schools the day should begin with an act of worship. All the way through the rights of the individual were safeguarded by a conscience clause and parents could contract out on behalf of their children.

If those points were carried into effect, said Mr. Wilson, he considered that the children of to-day would help to make the world of to-morrow a happier place. It was important to remember that Christianity was a revealed religion. England was nominally a Christian state and it was only fair to suppose that the state system of education should also be nominally Christian. That was all that the five points asked.

Co-operation Instead of Bitterness.

Mr. Harcourt Samuel, who is a Free Church Minister, said Mr. Wilson had made a very fair statement of the present situation and the circumstances which had led up to it. The cause of education had not been helped by the bitterness of feeling which had existed between the various denominations. He also agreed that there had been faults on both sides. Fortunately that bitterness was passing away and they had none of it in Ramsgate. The friendliest relations existed between the Church of England schools and the Education Committee. Between the various denominations there was a new spirit of co-operation and a genuine desire to see that children were not allowed to grow up in ignorance of the central truths of Christianity.

When the re-organisation of the Ramsgate schools became necessary in consequence of the Haddow Report roughly half the schools in the town were Church schools. He thought their predecessors on the Education Committee were slow to carry out their responsibilities. When re-organisation came it was impossible to do anything without the support of the Anglican schools. There might have been bitter feeling and refusal to co-operate but there was co-operation and the scheme worked well.

He agreed, said Mr. Harcourt Samuel, that religion should be taught only by those qualified to give it. He did not take his law from a doctor or his medicine from a solicitor. He was a little apprehensive of the inspection of the method of teaching religion and it could only be done with the very greatest safeguards.

The Only Hope.

The Christian faith was the only hope for the world and they were determined that their children should have the best possible grasp of it.

Alderman White said he felt that the lack of religious education was having a very serious effect on the rising generation. Padres in the Army were finding that very few men understood what religion was. The religious education of a child should begin in the home but there were a good many homes which were not Christian. In that case the school had to take the place of the parent. Teachers had to inculcate into children what religion really meant.

Referring to the difficulty of teachers imparting religious knowledge, Alderman White said one could not "learn" religion if one had not got it. Unless a teacher had a really deep faith and understanding of religion, even if they were trained for it, they could not impart it. If they were to teach children what it really meant they must have it deep down in their hearts.

Terrific Powers Let Loose.

Proposing a vote of thanks to the speaker, Rotarian the Rev. C. H. Bailey, Rector of Broadstairs, said the present conflict showed that the world had made tremendous strides in scientific and material advancement but it had not been accompanied by the spiritual advancement necessary for their control. The outcome was suffering and misery. Mankind had discovered and let loose terrific powers but had not the character to direct their control. It was essential that people should be trained in the Christian religion which, as Mr. Wilson pointed out, was a revealed religion, and it was no good being vague about it. The teaching of religion could not be separated from the rest of education and confined to the Sunday School or the clergy. Christianity was not one department of life, it was the foundation and support of all life.

Rotarian Bailey suggested that the Club might usefully continue the discussion at a later session.

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WARSHIP WEEK

RAMSGATE DATE FIXED

To give Margate an opportunity of avenging its War Weapons Week "defeat," Ramsgate Warship Week has been fixed for 14th—21st March, to synchronise with the Margate effort.

The General Committee appointed to organise the Ramsgate Week consists of the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), the Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis), Alderman W. Hawkins, Councillors F. C. Miller and the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, Mrs. D. V. Farnsworth, Messrs. J. H. Robinson, W. Edis, H. H. Prestedge, L. Hogbin, J. M. West, W. W. Wetherill, L. Rengert, S. H. Winter and H. E. Wright.

Messrs. West, Wetherill, Rengert, Winter and Wright will act as an Executive Committee.

The Bonds Committee will consist of Mrs. Billingham, Messrs. West, C. C. Beardon, T. Wells, P. Shenton, W. R. K. Liddell and Edis.

The Publicity Committee is composed of Messrs. W. Holloway, Rengert, Hogbin, Edis and F. E. C. Marshall.

The Groups Committee is composed of Mrs. Farnsworth, Mrs. N. F. Staynes, Mrs. E. F. Carthew, Alderman Hawkins and Messrs. Wetherill, Prestedge, E. J. Barney, Holloway, W. Church and Inspr. N. A. R. Bartlett.

In outlining some of the main ideas for organising the Week, the joint campaign secretaries pointed out to the local National Savings Committee that the interest in the National Savings Movement in Ramsgate is now much more widespread than when War Weapons Week was held and it was confidently anticipated that the various Savings Groups would play an important part in making the Warship Week a thorough success.

The committees responsible for the various activities in connection with the Week will be meeting shortly to develop plans for the new project.

SALVATION ARMY STALWART

FUNERAL OF MR. R. NICHOLS

The funeral took place at Ramsgate on Thursday of Mr. Robert Nichols, one of the stalwarts of the Salvation Army movement in the town.

Mr. Nichols, who was 82 years of age, passed away at his home, 18 Guildford-lawn. Until the big raid in August last year Mr. Nichols lived at 38 Park-road. He then moved to Guildford-lawn. For a time he went to London to live but returned to Ramsgate in November last year.

Joining the Salvation Army 55 years ago, Mr. Nichols attained the rank of sergeant-major. In those days it took a brave man to join the Salvation Army, for not only was the movement ridiculed but the members were attacked with sticks and stones.

On one occasion Mr. Nichols was struck by a brick, and the wound affected his hearing. The lad who threw the brick, and the child's parents, were summoned at Ramsgate police court. Mr. Nichols afterwards prayed with them on the steps of the Town Hall.

Years later Mr. Nichols was on board a pleasure steamer when one of the officers recognised him and offered his apologies. He was the lad who had thrown the brick.

Mr. Nichols was a powerful orator and played a prominent part in the services held on the sands during the summer months.

The deepest sympathy will be extended to the widow.

The Funeral.

The interment was preceded by a full choral service, in which the songsters took part, at the Salvation Army Citadel. The service was conducted by Major G. Easey, and prayer was offered by the Rev. S. B. Green.

The service at the graveside was taken by Major Easey.

The mourners were the widow, Mr. Alfred Nichols (brother), Mr. Leslie Nichols (nephew), Mr. and Mrs. Mynard (Broadstairs), Sergt.-Major and Mrs. Goodwin and Leslie (Chatham), Mrs. Grizell (Gillingham), Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Livett (Chatham) and Bandmaster and Mrs. Copley.

Floral tributes were received from: Widow; Leslie, Louie and Marion (London); Officers and members of the Ramsgate Corps of the Salvation Army; Mrs. Kelson, Bert, Eva and Edna; Mrs. Sharsted, Cyril and Doris, Elsie and Harold; Mr. and Mrs. Bayley; Mr. and Mrs. Pickworth and Hilda; Mr. and Mrs. Morrison; Mr. and Miss Jarman; Ethel (St. Albans); Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence and Elsie; Mr. and Mrs. Hogwood; Mrs. Miriams, sen. (St. Albans); Bandsman and Mrs. A. Freeman and Mary (St. Albans); Edie; Aunt Kate and Jessie; Mr. and Mrs. Livett (Chatham); Lily Norris; Nellie, husband and Eric; George, Nellie and the boys (Chatham); May and Mr. Brown (Chatham); Bandsman and Mrs. Copley and Marjorie; Mr. and Mrs. Mynard; Bert and Emmie (Worthing); Jennie and Arthur (Chatham).

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. W. H. Maskell, of Hardres-street, Ramsgate.

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EXPERIMENT THAT FAILED

TRADES COUNCIL AND WORKERS' MEALS

The failure of the experiment conducted at Ellington School British Restaurant to ascertain whether Ramsgate workers wanted facilities for obtaining a hot evening meal was the subject of discussion at the monthly meeting of the Isle of Thanet Trades Council held at Ramsgate.

While surprise and disappointment were expressed at the apathy of many working men to take advantage of the opportunity, delegates felt that many other factors contributed to the failure. Among those mentioned were that the facilities were not convenient for a large body of men, that the experiment was conducted at a season when a good supply of home-grown vegetables was available and that the number of general labourers engaged on work in the surrounding districts had been reduced.

It was eventually decided to take no further action until the full reaction of the workers, as expressed in the trade union branches, became known.

Help for Russia.

When an appeal for co-operation in the Help for Russia campaign instigated by the National Council of Labour was read, several delegates explained that their trade unions were already taking part in the campaign and others undertook to bring the matter before their branches.

It was agreed that all proceeds raised locally should be sent through the Trades Council and that the Council should make a donation from their own funds.

At the request of the Ramsgate A.F.S. delegates the Council unanimously agreed to support the "Firemen's Charter" of the Fire Brigade Union.

The executive committee reported that the nomination of Mr. A. W. Cave had been submitted to Ramsgate Town Council for co-option on the Education Committee.

The Secretary, Mr. D. M. Hughes, was appointed to represent the district on the Trade Union Liaison Committee for Kent in connection with the war savings campaign, with Mr. T. W. Eden as his deputy.

Messrs. Eden (Margate) and Hughes (Ramsgate) reported having attended meetings of the local Food Control Committees and expressed satisfaction with their working.

It was decided to seek guidance from the T.U.C. regarding suspicious cases of evasion of military service and certain groups of reserved occupations.

TROPICAL ROMANCE

DOROTHY LAMOUR AT KING'S

The romantic is to the forefront in the programmes being presented at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

Compounded of laughter and drama in well-balanced proportions with an alluring tropical locale for its setting, and Dorothy Lamour, Robert Preston and Preston Foster as its leading players, "Moon Over Burma" heads the bill to-day and to-morrow. The two men, as two timber traders, are trying to raise money in Rangoon to keep their business going. They meet Lamour, singing in a cafe, and inevitably she finds her way back to their compound. Not only does she cause plenty of heart-burning between the two men, but she upsets the local native community. Also being screened is "South of Panama," featuring Roger Pryor and Virginia Vale.

Bringing together Joel McCrea and Ellen Drew for the first time as a romantic starring team, "Reaching for the Sun" will be the chief feature for the latter part of the week. It is a tale of adventures and misadventures, of a Michigan backwoodsman and his romance with a waitress who sometimes doubles as a dance hall hostess. Essentially a comedy, the film does not lose the opportunity to present some of the many thrills to be found in a great automobile factory. A battle between two giant machines, growing out of a feud between McCrea and Albert Dekker, is one of the spectacular highlights of the production. "The Case of the Black Parrot," with William Lundigan and Maris Wrixon, will also be shown.

"We are the leaders of European freedom. The duty is solemnly laid upon each of us to work as we have never worked before."—Mr. George Hicks, M.P.

NEWS OF THOSE ON SERVICE

Readers are invited to send to The Editor, "Advertiser & Echo," Church-hill, Ramsgate, details concerning Thanet men serving with H.M. Forces who become war casualties, and concerning whom official information has been received from the appropriate Service Department.

News of decorations awarded, promotions and other items of similar interest will be particularly welcomed.

The Editor also welcomes the submission of photographs, which will be published free of charge to relatives.

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Gift Invested.—The gift of £175 to Ramsgate General Hospital extensions appeal fund from the surplus proceeds of the town's War Weapons week is to be invested in 3 per cent. Savings Bonds 1955-65.

Salvage Officer.—Ramsgate Town Council have been asked by the Civil Defence Committee to seek the approval of the Regional Commissioner for the continuation of the appointment for a further period of the Salvage Officer, who receives a salary of £5 a week.

Civil Defence Premises.—Ramsgate Civil Defence Committee recommend that no premises used for Civil Defence purposes should be used for any other purpose without the previous consent of the committee.

For Prisoners of War Fund.—In aid of the fund the Mayoress of Ramsgate, Mrs. A. B. C. Kempe, is organising, with a view to sending a parcel of Christmas cheer to every local prisoner of war, a whist drive will be held in the Gymnasium, Clarendon House, on Thursday, 20th November, at 2.45 p.m.

Married at Staple.—The wedding took place quietly, owing to recent bereavement, at St. James' Church, Staple, near Canterbury, on 1st November, of Mr. D. Cumberland, only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Cumberland, Ramsgate, and Olive, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Tritton, Church Farm, Staple. The bride was given away by her father. A reception, at which the guests were relatives and a few intimate friends, was held at the residence of the bride's parents.

MARGATE

Vegetables Aid Russia.—Produce grown by Mr. P. Dengate on his allotment at Dane Valley, Margate, realised £3 18s. for the Russian Red Cross Fund when offered as prizes in a competition held at the Spread Eagle Hotel.

Pastor's Bombed Church.—Formerly pastor of the Cecil-square Baptist Church, Margate, the Rev. Percy A. Clements is now in charge of the City-road Baptist Church, Bristol, the lecture hall of which has been destroyed by bombs. "Our church is damaged but it still lives" states a notice outside.

Girl Guides Get Going.—The Girl Guide movement which has been dormant at Margate since June, 1940, is to be revived under the direction of Mrs. Phyllis Cobb, District Commissioner for Margate East, and a war-time company is to be formed under the captaincy of Miss Audrey Sanders, of the 4th Margate (St. Paul's) Company. The inaugural meeting is to be held at New Cross-street School on Saturday afternoon.

Officer's Motor Cycle.—When Lieut. John Caines Foot was fined 10s. at Margate police court on Wednesday for riding a motor cycle in the five mile coastal strip without a permit it was stated that he was visited four times by a police officer. A second summons for failing to remove the magneto and deposit it with the police was withdrawn, as defendant had since obtained a permit. The Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) emphasised the importance of the military carrying out the regulations.

BIRCHINGTON

Scouts' V.C. Presented.—The Cornwell decoration—the Scouts V.C.—was presented at Ealing last week to Patrol Leader Michael Benson-Cooper, formerly of the Woodford House, Birchington, troop, for the great courage he has shown while suffering from infantile paralysis. The Scouts of Ealing also presented Michael with a framed certificate signed by Lord Somers, Chief Scout, and Sir Percy Everitt Deputy Chief Scout.

KENT FIGHTER SQUADRON

Kent will be the first county to have a gift squadron of fighter planes named after it, over £100,000 having been subscribed to the Kent County Spitfire Fund organised by the Association of Men of Kent and Kentish Men.

MARGATE SAVINGS

HALF-MILLION EXCEEDED

By the end of October Margate had invested in war savings since January, 1940, £596,884.

The amount saved at Margate, including Westgate and Birchington, during October amounted to £10,499 10s., an increase of £183 over the September total. The amount was made up of £2,571 10s. invested in Savings Certificates, £1,926 in Defence Bonds, £500 in Savings Bonds and £5,502 net increase in Post Office Savings Bank deposits.

The date selected for Margate Warship Week is 14th—21st March, but the class of ship to be aimed at has not yet been decided.

NEW MEMBERS

CO-OPTED TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Three new members have been co-opted to Ramsgate Education Committee.

They are Mrs. E. Farmer, wife of Councillor H. Farmer, who was nominated by the Ramsgate Labour Party (Women's Section), which was not represented on the committee last year, the Rev. S. B. Green, Minister of the Congregational Church, nominated by the Free Church Council, who takes the place of the Rev. Harcourt Samuel, now a Council representative, and the Rev. Bede Winslow, O.S.B., nominated on behalf of the Catholic community, who succeeds the Rev. Norbert Lapworth.

The other two co-opted members, the Rev. C. P. Cowland-Cooper, Vicar of St. Lawrence, nominated by the Federation of Church School Managers, and Mr. W. A. Davies, headmaster of Hereson Boys' School now at Stafford, nominated by the Ramsgate Teachers' Association, have been re-elected.

The Women's Co-operative Guild, which nominated Mrs. M. Ringe to take the place of the late Mrs. Horsey, is not this year represented, and other unsuccessful candidates were Mr. A. W. Cave, nominated by the Isle of Thanet Trades Council, and Mr. William Page, nominated by the Ramsgate Rotary Club.

A new co-opted member of the Harbour Committee is Mr. F. W. Bayley, nominated by firms trading at the harbour, and Messrs. C. H. Holladay, Howard Knight, D.S.M., coxswain of the lifeboat, and H. J. Perry have been re-elected but there are still two vacancies, Mr. J. K. Dobbs, Capt. H. V. Hyde and Capt. S. J. Shippick not having been nominated this year.

Representatives co-opted to the Food Control Committee are Messrs. D. M. Hughes (Trades Council), F. L. Drayson (grocers), A. Baker (butchers), G. Manning (Co-operative), T. W. Mockridge (bakers) and H. S. Smith (dairymen).

FREE MEALS OFF

C.D. WORKERS LOSE A PRIVILEGE

Ramsgate branch of the National Association of Civil Defence Workers having asked for the extension of the facilities operating in the borough for the provision of meals for Civil Defence workers, the Regional Authorities were approached regarding the powers possessed by the Civil Defence Committee of the Council to provide free meals to members of the Casualty Services and Rescue and Demolition Parties during duty hours.

A report presented by the Civil Defence Committee to the Council on Monday stated:

"The view of the Regional Authorities is that since arrangements are made for all personnel involved to take sufficient time off during their duty period in order to obtain a meal, the committee are not authorised to make arrangements for the provision of a free meal at the British Restaurants or elsewhere.

"In these circumstances the committee feel that they have no alternative but to discontinue the provision of free meals to the personnel now enjoying this privilege, and to refuse under present conditions any requests for the extension of such provision, and they have instructed the appropriate officers accordingly."

Under the heading "Free railway fares for whole-time paid members of Civil Defence Services," the committee also reported that the chairman (Councillor A. R. Young) raised the possibility of extending the facilities authorised by S.E. Regional circular 86a, but, after hearing the Borough Treasurer's report on the effect of the circular, decided to take no action in the matter.

The report was adjourned for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

REPORT AND CONTROL

WOMEN'S REQUESTS REFUSED

A number of requests addressed to Ramsgate A.R.P. Staff Officer by 11 members of the female whole-time paid personnel of the Report and Control Centre have been considered by the Civil Defence Committee of Ramsgate Town Council.

The requests related in the main to additional periods for refreshment and additional provision for rest and relaxation.

After considering reports on the matter from the Sub-Controller and Staff Officer, the committee reported to the Council on Monday that they were unable to agree with the requests as they were satisfied the present arrangements were reasonable and adequate.

The Council adjourned consideration of the report until the next meeting.

WATCH ON FOOD

The report of the Public Health Committee presented to Ramsgate Council on Monday stated that the Public Analyst had reported a sample of fine oatmeal taken by the Sanitary Inspector to be meal derived from wheat, in fact semolina and not fine oatmeal.

The committee authorised the Town Clerk to take all necessary proceedings against the vendor.

The committee agreed to take no action upon the Analyst's report regarding informal samples taken of lemon, orange and onion substitutes, and the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. E. Young, drew attention to the fact that legislation had recently been introduced under which no food substitute could be manufactured without a license from the Ministry of Food.

RAMSGATE KEEPS ITS CHIN UP

Mayor's Brotherly Hand to Russia

BEATING THE BEAST OF BERLIN

A tribute to the people of Russia, who are fighting side by side with us in the common cause, was paid by the Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) following his election for a fourth term of office on Monday.

"Who is there who, if he met a Russian, would not be prepared to hold out his hand and say 'Brother'?" asked the Mayor.

The ceremony took place in the Council Chamber at Clarendon House and although, owing to the difficult conditions, fewer invitations than usual were issued, those present included representatives of the Services and Civil Defence personnel.

Moving the Mayor's re-election, Councillor W. G. Love said when Alderman Kempe was elected Mayor in 1938 the Council were influenced in their choice by the alderman's quick rise to popularity and his organising ability and flair for publicity. He had a period of office all too brief in the days before war broke out but he gained for the town much publicity.

Alderman Kempe quickly had to adapt his abilities to war-time conditions and he tackled the many problems and duties which had come to him during those difficult days with the same zeal and energy which characterised him in happier times. He had worked and slaved unselfishly, admirably aided by Mrs. Kempe, in the interests and for the well-being not only of the townspeople who had remained in Ramsgate but in the interests of many who had had to be evacuated, for all who had fallen on hard times, and for the members of H.M. Forces.

A Full Time Job.

Referring to the Mayor's work in connection with the War Relief Fund and the Services Comforts Fund Councillor Love said to organise and administer these two affairs alone was practically a full-time job. Alderman Kempe had been ably assisted in his work but he had been the driving power; his had been the ingenious brain always seeking new ways and means to achieve the best result.

"No sacrifice has been too great for him in the past when the interests of Ramsgate have been at stake," said Councillor Love, "and I feel that I speak for the majority of the townspeople when I say that with Alderman Kempe in the mayoral chair this town will continue undaunted and confident, notwithstanding the fact that we sit here to-day less than 30 miles from the bitter enemy."

Seconding the nomination, Councillor the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth said that in the future the main industry of Ramsgate must be what it had been in the past—the encouragement of visitors to the town and the entertainment of those visitors when they came. They hoped when the war was over that visitors would come in as large numbers as before and Alderman Kempe was adept in helping in that direction. He was already doing good work among those who would want to come back and spend their holidays at Ramsgate later on.

Investing the Mayor with the chain of office Alderman J. J. White said he could assure him of the loyal support of the Council who were equally as anxious as he was for the well-being of the town.

A Hectic Life.

Returning thanks, the Mayor said he had now been living amongst them for about eight years, and he had had a hectic life. In all that time he had endeavoured to do his best for the borough which he had come to love very dearly. He would have been unable to achieve what he had, had it not been for the loyal co-operation of the members of the Council. At times they had differed. That was as it should be. He considered Ramsgate Town Council to be second to none. It had been said they had made mistakes. They had got to do so to learn. They had learned and they now saw the wisdom of what they did in building the finest air raid shelters in the world.

There were some who did not agree with the provision of the shelters. To-day what did they find? For the damage they had unfortunately sustained they had in proportion the smallest death roll of any in the country. That was greatly to the credit of the Council.

Further than that, he thought it could be said that their Civil Defence Services were some of the most efficient in the country. They had recently seen a shining example of it.

After referring to the manner in which people who were bombed out were found fresh homes, the Mayor said that thanks to the generous support of his War Relief Fund he was able to do something more for those people. They had money which few towns in such a position had, and it had been subscribed from all over the world. Ramsgate to-day was known not only nationally but internationally. If they could see some of the letters he had received from America and Canada it would make them very proud. He would treasure those letters for the rest of his life.

Chins Up.

"It is because we have such a wonderful fellow feeling amongst ourselves that we have made the progress we have," said the Mayor. "I want that to continue. All of you must realise this may be a year which may bring much distress and heart-burning amongst the population. I think we can say that the population have proved that they are real Britishers, no matter what has come. All the time we can say Ramsgate has had its chin up. I know I can appeal to you to continue that wonderful spirit."

The Mayor said he would like to express, on behalf of the Council, their appreciation of the wonderful support and work being done by their friends in Russia.

"Who is there who, if he met a Russian, would not be prepared to hold out his hand and say 'Brother'?" continued the Mayor. "We have not always thought that. That is all to the good. I think we should be proud to have a great nation like that rowing in on our side, prepared to fight for justice. **We have been fighting side by side nations with systems which are totally different but, we have one common aim—to save the world from the Beast of Berlin. And we shall do it.**

"It may be we shall suffer a lot. Some of us may not be alive to see it. Does it matter if you have laid down your life for your country? It should be an honour. I am not afraid to die for my country, and I am sure you are not.

"**If ever the blighter lands on these shores I will sell my life dearly. I will have a go. He shall not land unless he treads on the dead bodies of all of us in this town,**" said the Mayor amidst applause.

Acknowledging his debt to the Mayoress for "sticking here with me and facing it out," the Mayor also paid a high tribute to the officials, who had done wonderful work and had worked together as a band of brothers.

"I take off my hat to our officails," said Alderman Kempe. "We are very fortunate in having such able men at the head of the various departments."

The Mayor said he wished also to thank his Welfare Officer and Services Secretary (Mrs. Peete), who had worked extremely hard. Because his friends had supported him so well he had been able to supply the troops with the things they needed. They also ran a concert party for the benefit of the troops and they often had to play during air raids. That was part of the game.

"That must be the spirit I ask of all of you," concluded the Mayor. "We are all brothers and sisters, having one aim—victory and justice."

ON THE OFFENSIVE

OPTIMISTIC MAYOR RE-ELECTED AT MARGATE

Confidence that after the war the town would once again hold a high place among the holiday resorts of the country was expressed by Margate's Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare) when he was re-elected at the Town Hall on Monday.

Optimism was the keynote of his speech in which he declared that we were no longer struggling only to defend our shores but were definitely taking the offensive against a ruthless enemy and that the anxious days of Dunkirk were changed to hopefulness and encouragement.

Proposing the re-election of the Mayor, Alderman W. R. Noble said there could be no disputing the fact that in the long history of the borough no Mayor had ever been elected under such serious conditions, nor had any Mayor been called upon to deal with such stark financial problems in the town.

"It was bad enough in the last war," he said, "as our freeman who so ably guided us in those years, can testify, but he will agree that the problems that have to be faced and solved to-day and during the year immediately ahead, are in many respects far more serious."

Alderman Hoare had proved an able administrator, he believed in the practise of democratic government and was well versed in the art of local government.

Alderman Noble concluded by paying a tribute to the work of the Mayoress.

Councillor A. C. Hatfeild, who seconded the motion, emphasised that the honour of the Mayor's office in these times involved grave and great responsibilities. The Mayor and Mayoress had gained the confidence, respect and gratitude of the borough for the way they had shouldered those responsibilities in the past year.

Before the motion was carried Councillor S. W. Pearce, who does not approve of the re-election of Mayors, asked that it should be placed on record that on principle he voted against the resolution.

Distress Relieved.

Returning thanks for his re-election the Mayor said "In taking up this high office the many problems of war conditions soon became evident and I was confronted with much distress among the people of the town, many of whom had lost their means of earning a livelihood because of the war. I immediately set about raising a fund from which some relief and comfort could be given to the many people suffering hardship. With the generosity of many of our people, some of whom had evacuated to other areas, and with the help of the Lord Mayor of London's Fund, I was successful in raising just over £700. With this money I have been able to assist more than 150 cases and have distributed just over £370." With the approach of winter there was much that could be done and he appealed to the generous spirit of the Margate people to assist again in the deserving cause.

The Mayor said he found a need for mobile canteens in the borough and was successful in having two presented. He praised the crews of these canteens who turned out at any hour of the night in a raid to supply the needs of bombed people and members of the defence services.

After thanking his Deputy, Councillor A. W. Thomson, and his Chaplain (the Vicar of Margate) both of whom he re-appointed, the Mayor declared that the people of Margate had in the past two years been called upon to show much fortitude and courage. "Many of you have had to face great hardship because your means of livelihood has been lost," he said. "No town on the East coast has felt the effects of the war so acutely as this borough, but I have the greatest confidence in ultimate victory and the future prosperity of our town.

Work of Reconstruction.

"The clouds that have so often beset us are clearing. The resources of this great Empire are beginning to have their effect in strengthening our will to win. We are no longer struggling only to defend our shores—we are definitely taking the offensive against a ruthless enemy. Those anxious days of Dunkirk have now changed to hopefulness and encouragement. The future may yet, of course, have further anxieties in store, bringing even more hardship but as you have stood up bravely in the past I know you will face the future with even greater courage. You will need all your fortitude and when the great conflict is ended—and may that be soon—you will be called upon to play your part in the great work of reconstruction. That will be no small task for you have but to look at our town to realise the work with which we shall be confronted."

He was confident Margate would once again hold a high place amongst the holiday resorts of the country but Margate's future prosperity depended on each and every one of them putting their best into the effort. A spirit of goodwill and helpfulness must prevail. Everyone would have a part to play and with unity of purpose success would surely crown their efforts.

"So be of good cheer," the Mayor concluded, "be steadfast in your faith and prosperity will be your reward."

Councillor A. W. Thomson, proposing a vote of thanks to the Mayor for his past services, referred to his work in connection with the formation of the Thanet Air Training Corps, through which young people could be of more use nationally than might have been the case. The squadron was made up of lads not only from Margate, but also from Broadstairs and Ramsgate and their co-operation could make for a better and kindlier feeling between the boroughs than before. "The Mayor has earned a great deal of gratitude from Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate by bringing about such an interesting and useful movement" he said.

TWO NEW FREEMEN

Margate on Monday conferred the Freedom of the Borough on two of its leading citizens—Alderman F. L. Pettman, an ex-Mayor, and Mr. W. G. Sutcliffe, O.B.E., T.D., F.R.C.S., who for 43 years has been associated with Margate Hospital.

The Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare) said Margate was demonstrating its appreciation of work well done by conferring the honour on two men who had rendered long and faithful service—men of entirely different outlook and callings but whose whole desire had been to service their town and its development.

An extended report is held over until our next issue.

RAMSGATE DESPATCHES THE GOODS

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FIRE GUARD STAFF

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S SALARY

Ramsgate Town Council have approved the constitution of their Fire Guard staff.

The Borough Engineer (Mr. R. D. Brimmell) is to act as Fire Guard Staff Officer and since he will no longer be in a position to receive his present salary of £150 a year as Fire Co-ordinating Officer his normal salary as Borough Surveyor is to be increased from £900 to £1,000 a year.

The report of Council in committee, approved at the annual meeting of the Council on Monday, stated that conferences had taken place between the Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis), the Borough Surveyor and the Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler) with the appropriate officers of the Regional Authority and approval had been given for the following staff:

One Fire Guard Assistant Staff Officer at a salary of £275 per annum;

One Depot Superintendent, £4 10s. per week;

One Senior Fire Guard to assist the Depot Superintendent, £3 12s. 6d. per week;

One Head Fire Guard, £3 15s. per week;

Four Senior Fire Guards, £3 12s. 6d. per week each.

The Fire Guard Committee have authorised the Chief Constable, as Sub-Controller, and the Borough Surveyor to appoint the above staff, with the excepton of the Fire Guard Assistant Staff Officer, and have decided to advertise for applications for the latter post and themselves to make the appointment at a later date.

So far as the post of Fire Guard Staff Officer is concerned, stated the report, the Regional Fire Prevention Officer has intimated that the Regional Commissioner would be prepared to recognise the Borough Surveyor as Fire Guard Staff Officer, particularly in view of the work which he has already carried out, but has explained that under the revised scheme it is not possible to make any payment to a part-time officer, notwithstanding the fact that under the original scheme consent was given to the payment to the Borough Surveyor of a salary of £150 per annum as Fire Co-ordinating Officer.

The Regional Fire Prevention Officer has expressed the view that the Council could themselves make a payment to the Borough Surveyor to compensate him for increased duties but that any payment would not rank for grant.

In view of the fact that the Borough Surveyor has hitherto been responsible for the organisation of the Fire Prevention service in his capacity as Fire Co-ordinating Officer, and has all the records and stores in his department, the committee felt that he should continue as Fire Guard Staff Officer under the new organisation, and since he cannot continue to receive the salary of £150 per annum, they recommended that his salary as Borough Surveyor be increased from £900 to £1,000 per annum, and that his duties should include the work of Fire Guard Staff Officer.

SAFER ANDERSONS

FREE MATERIAL FOR BAFFLE WALLS

Has your Anderson shelter an effective baffle wall in front of the entrance?

At a recent meeting of the Civil Defence Committee of Ramsgate Town Council the Borough Engineer (Mr. R. D. Brimmell) reported on a communication from the Regional Commisisoner calling attention to the importance of the provision of baffle walls. Experience has shown that provided the entrance is adequately screened by a baffle wall, Anderson shelters will withstand the effect of a bomb falling as close as six feet away.

In view of the heavy demands upon labour local authorities, stated the report presented at a meeting of the Council on Monday, could not undertake the erection of baffle walls but they were asked to assist with advice and to provide materials if available in the form of earth or timber or bricks from demolished houses, the actual construction of the baffle wall being left to the householder.

The staff of the Borough Engineer's Department are ready to give advice and the committee have authorised the Engineer to arrange for the free provision of materials in the hope that in all appropriate cases householders will take advantage of these facilities.

The Engineer has also reported to the committee the steps he has taken to secure as quickly as possible a supply of additional bunks for Anderson shelters and the deep tunnel shelters.

NEW DEPUTY

RAMSGATE MAYOR'S CHOICE

The Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) has nominated Alderman T. W. Mockridge as his Deputy for the coming year.

Alderman Mockridge succeeds Councillor A. R. Young.

A member of the Council for many years, Alderman Mockridge was only recently elevated to the aldermanic bench. He has carried out particularly valuable work during the past year as chairman of the British Restaurants Committee.

The Mayor has again nominated Councillor the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth as his chaplain.

HIDING BEHIND PRAM

BENCH FAIL TO THAW FROST

"Something should be done to make this man feel that it is not worth the candle," said the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) at Ramsgate police court, on Saturday, when William Frost, aged 21, of Sydney-terrace, West Dumpton-lane, was charged with being an absentee from his unit, 2nd Batt. The Buffs, without leave.

It was Frost's third appearance at the court on a similar charge within two months.

P/C Honess said he went to a house in West Dumpton-lane at 1 p.m. the previous day. He saw defendant's sister-in-law and asked "Is Pte. Frost at home yet?" The woman replied "No." Witness then said "With your permission I will come in and wait." He entered the house and found defendant hiding behind a perambulator. He said to defendant "You are an absentee. Get your clothes on and come with me." Frost replied "I shall cause you a lot of trouble." When charged at the police station Frost replied "I have nothing to say. I shall be home again before Christmas."

Addressing Frost, the Chairman said "If you have any sense of shame, which I am sure you have not got . ."

Frost: No, sir.

The Chairman: I agree with you. You have not. You will be handed over to the escort.

Addressing an officer who was present in court, the Chairman said "We are constantly having this man up on this charge. I was wondering whether something could be done to make him feel it is not worth the candle."

The officer: He has just come from detention. He was in the unit only a few hours and then went away again.

The Chairman: Is that all he gets, detention?

The officer: It is pretty stiff, sir.

The Chairman: Kindly convey to your superior officer that we think something should be done about it. He is defying authority. Authority must say "My dear friend, you will come off second best." We don't want to see him here again.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

MAYOR LAYS WREATH ON WAR MEMORIAL

Although the customary procession was dispensed with the British Legion Remembrance Day service was held at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, on Sunday.

At eleven o'clock members of the Ramsgate branch of the Legion, wearing their medals, lined the approach to the church. Preceded by the cross-bearer and the choir, the Vicar (Rev. C. R. Farnsworth) and the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) walked from the crypt and took up their places in front of the War Memorial Cross.

After wreaths had been laid by the Mayor and members of the Legion the Vicar recited a short prayer.

The service in the crypt, which was conducted by the Vicar, was attended by the Mayor and members of the Town Council, the Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis), the Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler) and other officials, men and women of the Services and a large body of townspeople.

SOLDIER'S RAMSGATE BRIDE

Younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Milton, of 21 Dane-road, Ramsgate, Miss Doris Eileen Milton was married by special license at Ramsgate on 1st November to Pte. Henry Barnes, Queen's Royal Regiment, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Barnes, of Southport.

Have You Bought Your Poppy?

Births, Marriages, Deaths

BIRTHS

Bond.—2nd November, at the West Herts. Hospital, to Jean (née Goodson) and Thomas Bond, M.B., B.Chir., of Broadstairs, a son.

MARRIAGES

Barnes—Milton.—1st November, at Ramsgate Register Office, Pte. Henry Barnes, of Southport, to Doris Eileen, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Milton, of 21 Dane-road, Ramsgate.

Bearman—Smith.—3rd November, at Ramsgate, James Henry Bearman to Lizzie E. Smith, both of Broadstairs.

Golder—Hughes.—3rd November, at All Saints' Church, Birchington, L/A/C Ronald Albert Golder to Agnes Hetty Hughes.

Martin—Gibbens.—4th November, at Christ Church, Ramsgate, by the Rev. P. M. Townend, Corpl. Frederick G. Martin to Hildred A. M. Gibbens, both of Ramsgate.

Walters—Hawkins.—1st November, at Stockwell, Charles Edward Marcus Walters, of Broadstairs, to Irene Dorothy Hawkins, of Stockwell and late of Broadstairs.

DEATHS

Euden.—1st November, at St. Leonards-on-Sea, Ellen Euden, late of Margate, aged 96 years.

Eveling.—6th November, at Chamonix, 21 Queen's-road, Broadstairs, Clara Eveling, aged 77 years.

Goodvin.—2nd November, at Margate General Hospital, Kate Elisabeth Goodvin, of 25 Westbrook-avenue, Margate, aged 57 years.

Hougham.—30th October, at Fern Cottage, Meeting-street, Ramsgate, Mary Ann Hougham, of Minster, aged 93 years.

Nichols.—2nd November, at 18 Guildford-lawn, Ramsgate, Robert Nichols, aged 82 years.

Solly.—2nd November, at Bilting, Edward James Solly, of Ramsgate, aged 48 years.

Stapleton.—3rd November, at Margate General Hospital, John Debenham Stapleton, of Thiepval, Dalmeny-avenue, Margate, aged 50 years.

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